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and maintained. Further, the policy of deflation, in the sense of periodic reductions of money sup-

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"If monetary policy can do little in present circumstances to stimulate recovery by positive action, it can at any rate preserve conditions favourable to recovery by keeping money plentiful and cheap.

"The question arises whether catastrophes as bad as the present one might not be altogether avoidable. True, a central bank in a creditor country cannot directly regulate the volume of external lending, but it can stimulate it by increasing internal money rates low; and, though a central bank, has no

ogy, we must remember that a depressed state of mind is initially resultant of bad trade before becoming a cause of its continuance."

ALLIED CEMENT.

**SIR W. McLINTOCK AS
RECEIVER.**

In the Chancery Division before Sir Justice Clauson, Mr. W. D. Stephens, K.C., moved, on behalf of Barclay's Bank, Ltd. as trustees for debenture-holders, for the appointment of Sir William McIntosh as receiver and manager of the Allied Portland Cement Manufacturers, Ltd., formerly one of the Horne group of companies.

The motion was in respect of £100,000 6½ per cent. first mortgage debentures, secured by a trust deed dated August, 1926. At the date when the writ was issued—Dec. 19, 1930—there was no actual default in payment of the interest, but the then directors informed the trustees that there was no prospect of paying the interest

On December 23, went on Mr. pens, by extraordinary resolution, new board was appointed, and on January 1 this year the new board stated that they had reluctantly come to the conclusion that there were no available resources of uncharged assets out of which the money could be raised to pay the interest. At the present moment the interest was in arrear. Mr.

ensions the company had purported to give charges to other persons, in priority to the other debtors, but the bank did not admit that any charges had been effectively given which could rank in priority to their charge.

Mr. Justice. Clauson appointed Sir William McIntock receiver and manager, and, on the application of Mr. M. B. Valsey, K.C., added as defendants to the action the Industrial and General Trust who

re the holders of £10,000 debentures and represent further holdings. He gave the Industrial and General Trust the conduct of the application. The authorised capital of Allied Cement Manufacturers, Ltd., is £5,000,175, of which 1,848,445 has been issued.

BRITISH RAILWAYS.

NEW IDEAS TRIED OUT EVERY DAY.

Discussing railway progress during the past year, the Railway Newsletter, which is issued by the

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rain travel comfort is set up. New ideas in stability, lighting, decoration; ventilation, making for the comfort and convenience of the passenger, are constantly being tried. Trains with real bedrooms, parlours and lounges; larger and deeper windows giving improved

The year 1930 saw the birth of a new type of vehicle, one which will travel both on the road and on the rails, and if the early promise that this vehicle gives is confirmed by exhaustive trials shortly to be made, it may change considerably the aspect of certain forms of transport.

subsidising that cheap labour by boycotting the standard in which it is paid, and thereby still further reducing the Eastern cost of production. After this artificial depreciation of silver has stimulated industrial expansion in the East to an almost indefinite extent, where shall we find work for the millions which were built to supply these Eastern markets?

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present scale. If we were to succeed in inducing nearly 800 millions in the East to adopt the gold standard, it would probably be found that the fall in commodities

has still a long way to go. If, on the other hand, we recognise that we have a greater interest industrially than any other nation in the rehabilitation of silver, and if we devote our whole energy to restoring silver to the position it formerly occupied as one of the two precious

If the relative production of silver to gold has materially increased of late years it would perhaps be advisable to adjust the

be well to bear in mind that the modern plan of having a managed currency is artificial, and that, although a large fiduciary issue may be convenient and economical in highly developed countries, especially in fair weather, it is apt to break down in times of stress, when credit is strained. It would be a perilous experiment to rely upon

populations of the East, who have for untold years been accustomed to a metallic basis, and in troublesome times to keep their savings in their own possession in the form of either silver or gold.

A first step which might be taken, without waiting for international agreement regarding further steps, would be to call in the

debased silver currency at present in circulation and reissue it in sterling silver. If the necessary supplies of silver for this operation were bought at the present level of the world market, we should be able

to carry out this operation on a much more favourable basis for ourselves, seeing that the price of silver when debasement of coinage took place in 1920 was at least four times the price at which it could now be replaced.

P.W.D. LAND SALES.

GOOD FIGURE FOR A KOWLOON LOT.

At a land sale yesterday at the P.W.D., Rural Building Lot No

about 17,000 square feet, was sold to Mr. W. A. Carnell at the upset price of \$2,148.

New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 1461, at the junction of Fuk Wing and Kweilin Street, 9,227 square feet, was sold to Mr. Chu Wing-sing, 128 Kee Lung Street, for \$27,200. The upset price was \$29,000.

Inland Lot No. 31247 on Kwong Kwong Street, about 3,350 square feet, was sold to Messrs. Chung Yuk Hing, Wong Luen and Chao Cheuk, for \$16,850, the upset price being \$16,750.

U.S. MILLIONAIRES.
But That Was Before The
Slump.

A United States Treasury Department calculation, based on the 1928 income-tax payments, says an Exchange telegram from Washing-

millionaires or persons with an income of \$1,000,000 in the United States that year, as against 290 in 1927. Incomes of \$50,000 (repre-

\$1,000,000) increased to over 43,000. The statistics do not include the trade depression of the past year. Total income-tax refunds in 1930 were \$26,856,838, compared with \$190,164,859 in 1929.

A Central News message from Washington states that eleven persons returned their incomes for

1928 at \$5,000,000 or more. The number paying income-tax was 2,523,063, and their average income was \$6,196, or about £1,200.

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Tyebally, from Colombo. S. LACK, Superintendent. Hong Kong, 5th March, 1931.

THE GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH CO., LTD., OF DENMARK.

The following unclaimed telegram is lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited) of Denmark:—Vendor, from Shanghai. E. V. JENSEN, Superintendent. Hong Kong, March 4, 1931.

COMPANY MEETINGS

HONG KONG TELEPHONE CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the HONG KONG TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of MARCH, 1931, at the BOARD ROOM of the Company, Second Floor, Exchange Building, Hong Kong, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors, Report of the Financial Year ended 31st December, 1930, and re-electing Two Directors and the Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 11th MARCH, 1931, both days inclusive.

Dated this 11th day of February, 1931.
By Order of the Board,
W. L. MCKENZIE, Secretary.
14, Des Voeux Road Central, Hong Kong.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, the 16th March, 1931, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1930.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of March, to TUESDAY, the 17th day of March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.
Hong Kong, 5th March, 1931.

GENERAL NOTICES

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COMPANY MEETINGS

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The REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from 5th March, 1931, to 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive, during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.
Hong Kong, 19th Feb., 1931.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 42nd ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, Exchange Building, Des Voeux Road Central, Victoria, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th day of March, 1931, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, 4th March, 1931, to WEDNESDAY, 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
ALLAN KEITH, Secretary.
Hong Kong, 19th February, 1931.

THE DAIRY FARM ICE & COLD STORAGE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Shareholders in the Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 18th March, 1931, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend and re-electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 7th to the 18th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
J. D. THOMSON, Acting Secretary.
Hong Kong, 27th Feb., 1931.

THE HONG KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on THURSDAY, the 19th March, 1931, AT NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, the 10th March, 1931, to THURSDAY, the 19th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
F. H. CRAPNELL, Secretary.
Hong Kong, 2nd March, 1931.

THE HONG KONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SIXTY-SECOND ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Underigned on THURSDAY, the 26th March, 1931, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1930.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 12th to the 26th March, 1931, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers.
The Hong Kong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hong Kong, 5th March, 1931.

MACHINE V. MAN DISCUSSED.

Hardships Involved by Rationalisation.

TOO HIGH A PRICE?

"It looks as if it might be as possible to go too fast as it is to go too slow in the matter of rationalisation."

This observation is but one of many significant passages in the report of Mr. H. B. Butler, deputy director of the International Labour Office, on his recent visit to Canada and the United States. The report was to be submitted to members of the governing body of the Geneva labour organisation.

Mr. Butler collated during his visit some striking data concerning the effects of rationalisation on employment. Owing to the introduction of the "combine," a machine which both cuts and threshes the grain there has been a great displacement of labour in Canada and the United States.

In Canada, states the report, "a large farm which formerly took in 30 men in the spring, and another 120 to 150 during the harvest, now employs only 14 men throughout the year. An average small farm will employ two or three men instead of eight to ten. Roughly speaking, every combine deprives at least five men of a harvest job."

"As a consequence, whereas the railways used to transport thousands of men annually from the eastern States to reap the crops on the prairies, no harvest trains have been run during the past two years."

In the United States over three million people have of recent years been obliged to leave farm employment to seek work in the towns, although during the same period the output per agricultural worker increased by more than 25 per cent.

Output Per Head. The same process is apparent in industry. Quoting the United States Commissioner for Labour's statistics Mr. Butler states that: "If 200 out of the 1,357 boot and shoe factories in the country worked full time they could satisfy the whole existing demand and the remaining 1,157 establishments could be closed down."

"Similarly 1,487 out of the 6,057 bituminous coal mines could produce all the coal that was needed if they worked three hundred days in the year."

Between the years 1919 and 1929 "the output per head increased in manufacturing industry in the United States by 45 per cent, but during the same period the number of persons employed in manufacture declined from nine million to 8,100,000."

"In mining the output per head increased more than 40 per cent, while the number of employed fell by 7 per cent. Railway efficiency likewise increased considerably, yet the number of employed decreased by about 300,000, or 15 per cent."

Changes Coming. Reviewing the facts and his impressions Mr. Butler states that "it is difficult to resist the conclusion that the aggregate of unemployment would be far smaller to-day if technical improvements both in industry and agriculture had proceeded at a less rapid rate."

"However, true it may be that rationalisation in the long run produces a higher standard of living and promotes the progress of civilisation... the question nevertheless arises whether under modern conditions the hardships involved by too rapid technical development may not imply purchasing the ultimate advantages it procures at too high a price."

Underlying some of the passages in this report there is a suggestion of the imminence of very important changes, if not something in the nature of revolution in America. Rationalisation, unemployment and over-production are seen to be going hand in hand. The workers are to a great extent aware of this process and, also, of the menace to themselves which it involves.

Yet at the same time they realise the inevitability of the advance of technical improvements. They are restless and inclined to accept almost any remedies, however wild may be the schemes. Moscow had not failed to take advantage of this favourable soil, and has of late intensified Bolshevik propaganda in Canada and the United States.

Mr. Butler observes that particularly in America "opinions and beliefs on political, economic, and social questions are in process of undergoing drastic analysis and revision."

DIAMONDS AT A DISCOUNT

There was a time when it was said that real diamonds were the best investment because they could be turned into cash at their full purchase price. Diamonds, however, are worth far less than they were a year ago, says a Star gossip. A merchant who has just returned from Antwerp and Amsterdam states there is genuine

AN ACCOUNTANT'S SERIOUS LAPSE.

Speculation Over Motor Garage Leads to Ruin.

CONFESSION HANDED IN.

The plea that he was a victim of the slump was made in the case of A. N. H. Van Cuylenburg, accountant to Messrs. Fogden, Brisbane & Co., on February 23 before Mr. G. C. Dodd, the Singapore Criminal District Judge, when sentence of one year's rigorous imprisonment was passed on two charges of criminal breach of trust.

Van Cuylenburg who was arrested on a warrant was previously charged with criminal breach of trust in respect of \$14,000 and he claimed to be tried and was remanded on bail of \$5,000.

Two specific charges were preferred against him and he pleaded guilty to both. He was charged that between April 22, and June 30, 1930, he committed criminal breach of trust as secretary of the firm of \$4,166.26 and that between July 3, 1930, and January 10, 1931, committed a similar offence as accountant of the firm of \$10,198.99.

Full Confession. Mr. F. G. Vaux, who appeared on behalf of the complainant firm, handed in a confession made by Van Cuylenburg, showing a total deficit of over \$14,000 from April last year to January last and a bundle of cheques relating to the amounts involved.

Explaining the system of fraud employed by Van Cuylenburg, Mr. Vaux said that his clients were a firm of building contractors and as such employed a number of sub-contractors. Van Cuylenburg occupied a position of trust in the firm and signed cheques on behalf of the firm as secretary and as accountant.

Sub-contractors submitted their bills in duplicate and duplicate receipts and vouchers were made out by the accused, who posted the amounts in two widely separate ledgers. The accused also made out two cheques instead of one for the same amount and paid one cheque to the company's creditor and endorsed the other and cashed it himself. As the accounts were so widely separated in the ledgers the auditors were not able to discover the fraud. The counts of the firm were last audited in June last.

Financial Difficulties. In a plea for leniency for the accused, Mr. V. D. Knowles stated that the case was a very unfortunate one. Van Cuylenburg before he secured employment in 1926, speculated by purchasing a well known motor garage in Singapore and got into difficulties.

Mr. Knowles proceeded to say that the accused was the sole support of his mother, who was 80 years of age, besides his wife and five children, and was struggling against the losses sustained in the motor garage business. The slump, which affected most businesses, probably affected a motor garage business more. Although there was no excuse for the accused, Mr. Knowles said that the Court had to take into consideration the fact that the accused had himself made a confession, in view of Mr. Vaux's statement that the accounts were so widely separated as to render audit difficult. The accused had listed the items and had given the auditors every assistance. Van Cuylenburg now stood before the court a ruined man and Mr. Knowles urged for leniency although the offence was serious.

Replying to his Honour, Mr. Knowles said that Van Cuylenburg was 38 years old. None of the money misappropriated had been repaid as Van Cuylenburg was a totally ruined man. Remarking that the offence was a very serious one, his Honour passed sentence of one year's rigorous imprisonment on each charge, the sentences to run concurrently.

CYNICISM OF THE MODERN CHILD.

"An Edwardian." In an article in the Daily Telegraph on the precocity of the modern child says that probably owing to the books they read and the plays they are taken to see, children have developed a subconscious cynicism. They seem to be born old.

The writer instances the following: A boy in his teens was walking with his father in a dense fog recently, the latter coughing and spluttering and generally cursing the elements, when his son said: "A fog has one advantage, Daddy—we don't see quite so much of our fellow-creatures."

distress among the gum cutters and pollsters there. The American market, which lately took the bulk of the diamonds of the world, is completely "frozen" owing to bad times.

A SIKH'S TERRIBLE CRIME.

Death Sentence on Guns—Curtis's Murderer.

NO MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCE

Lahore, Feb. 9.

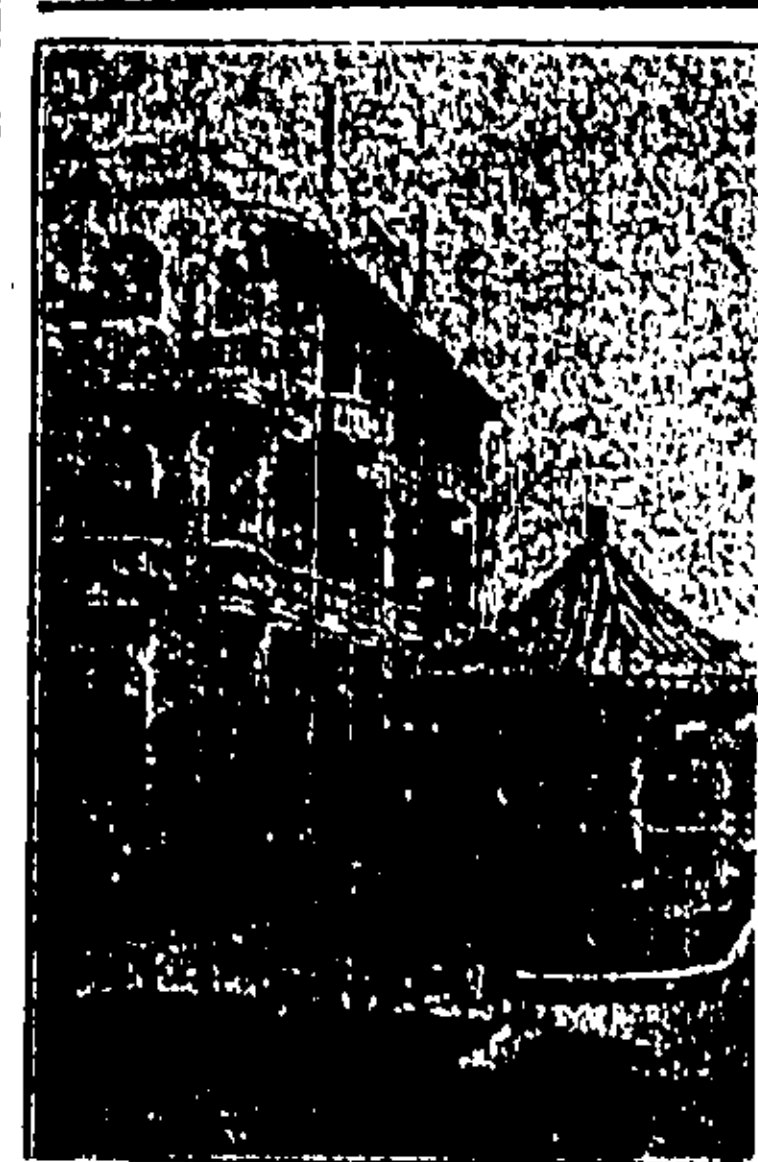
The full text of the judgment is available to-day of the judgment of Mr. Gordon Walker, Sessions Judge, who sentenced to death Sujjan Singh, the murderer of Mrs. Curtis. The Sessions Judge after dealing with the facts of the murder of Mrs. Curtis which took place on January 13, at her bungalow in Lahore Cantonment, said that Mrs. Curtis received many sword wounds the most grievous of which was one which fractured the skull and two others which cut into the upper part of her left arm and partially amputated her left wrist. She died at 6.30 the same evening of shock and haemorrhage. The main facts of the occurrence, added the Judge, were clearly established on the evidence of witnesses. Witnesses differed in details as one would expect men to differ who were expectators of a drama of this nature and this discrepancy only strengthened one's belief in the truth of the main story. The prisoner made two statements, continued Mr. Gordon Walker, one before the committing magistrate and the other in the sessions court. In the former he described the attack and stated that he bought a sword a few days before the incident with the sole object of killing Europeans. He said that he attacked the lady and her children as he could not find any European men. In the sessions court prisoner made a statement to explain the motive for the murder which briefly amounted to the fact that he brooded over the wrongs of Sikhs and determined to avenge them by killing Europeans.

Plea of Insanity. Mr. Gordon Walker added that no plea of insanity was put forward during the trial of the case but at the last moment in his concluding address, defence counsel has argued that the statement made by the prisoner in court clearly showed that he was of a disordered mind. The Judge held that the prisoner spoke clearly and coherently and evinced not the slightest symptoms of a disordered mind. He clearly stated that he committed the murder of Mrs. Curtis to avenge the wrongs which he thought his community suffered from the countrymen of the murdered lady. The prisoner, he held, was of sound mind and agreeing with the assessors' unanimous verdict, the Judge found him guilty of the murder of Mrs. Curtis. As there was no mitigating circumstance the only possible penalty was death.

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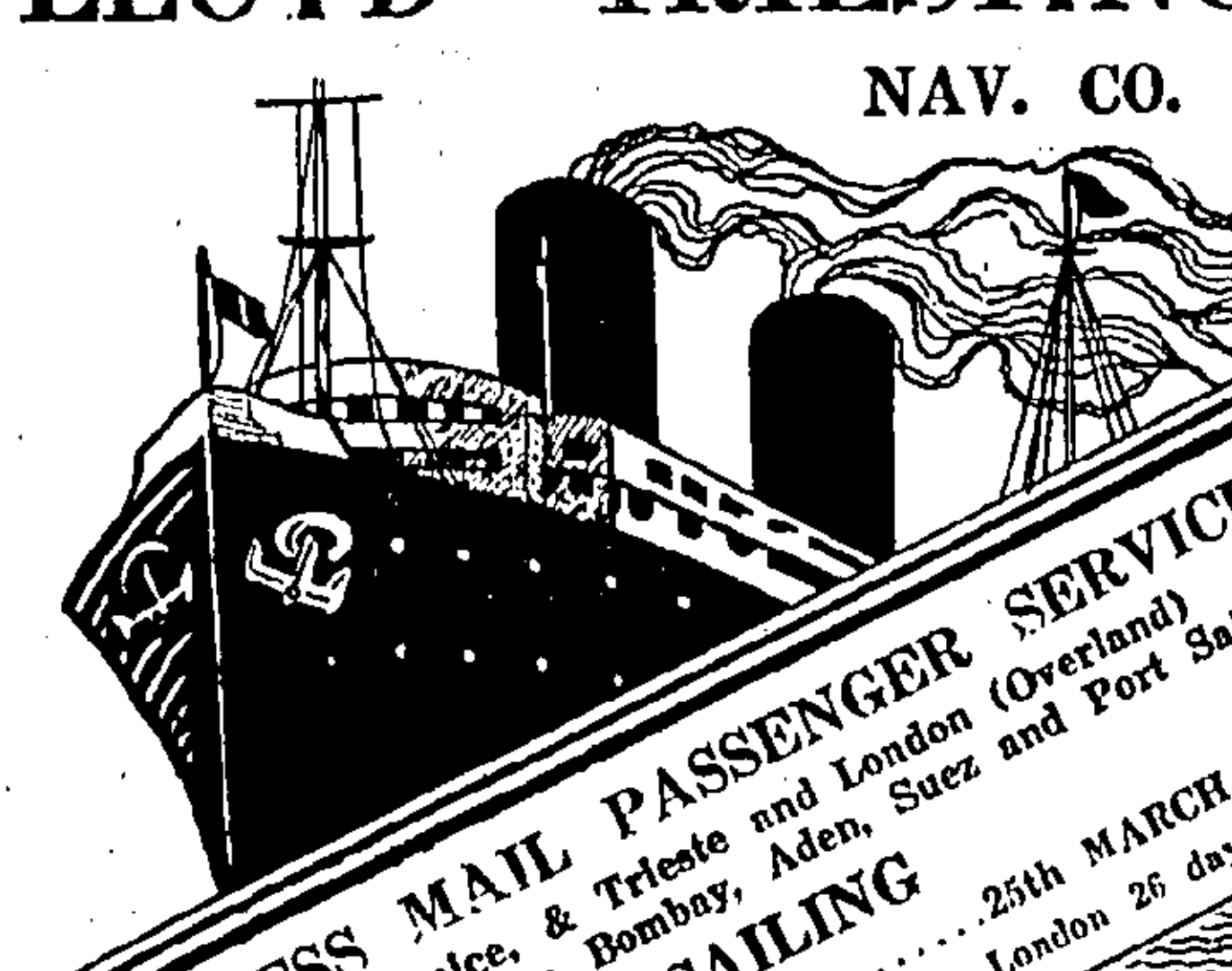
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Mr. F. N. Booth, acting Master, of the Soochow, has gone chief officer, same ship.
Mr. E. Richards, chief officer, Soochow, has gone chief officer, Poyang.
Captain P. J. Green, Master of the Soochow, is on Home leave.
Captain R. Allison, from Shengking, has gone Master, Nanchang.
Mr. B. Rybaltovsky, from reserve, has gone second officer, Poyang.
Mr. E. M. Swan, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Hsin Peking.
Captain G. A. Evans, from Nanchang, has gone Master, Sunning.
Captain W. Shaw, from Sunning, has gone Master, Tainan.
Captain J. W. Tinson, of the Tainan, is on reserve.
Captain F. A. Lovagrove, from reserve, has gone Master, Chungking.

Mr. W. E. Awcock, chief officer, Antung, has gone chief officer, Kwei-yang.
Mr. J. M. Brown, third officer, Antung, has gone second officer, Fatsan.
Mr. T. Malcolm, second officer, Fatsan, has gone third officer, Antung.
Mr. F. A. White, sup'y second officer, Luchow, has gone second officer, Tungchow.
Mr. W. King, acting master Luchow, has gone chief officer, Suiyang.

Mr. D. Needham, chief officer, Suiyang, has gone sup'y chief officer, Shengking.
Mr. S. de Candia, second officer, Tungchow, has gone acting chief officer, Luchow.
Mr. J. M. McWilliams, chief officer, Luchow, is on Home leave.
Mr. E. M. Foster, sup'y second officer, Shengking, has gone second officer, Suiyang.
Mr. S. E. Ries, second officer, Suiyang, has gone sup'y second officer, Shengking.
Mr. G. Chapman, chief officer, Poyang, is on Home leave.
Mr. S. Steele, second officer, Tainan, has gone sup'y second officer, Shengking.

Mr. J. A. Gow, sup'y second officer, Shengking, has gone second officer, Tainan.
Mr. T. P. Lloyd, sup'y second officer, Shengking, has gone second officer, Sinking.
Mr. E. J. Hankin, second officer, Sinking, has gone sup'y second officer, Shengking.

Mr. W. T. Hodge, from Home leave, has gone Master, Soochow.
Mr. E. Michelson, chief officer, Wuhu, is on Home leave.
Mr. J. W. Huxford, from Home leave, has gone sup'y chief officer, Hsin Peking.

Mr. R. Kettlewell, from reserve, has gone Master, Chusan.
Captain D. Wilson, Master of the Chusan, is on reserve.
Mr. E. R. Graham, chief officer, Poyang, is on Home leave.

Mr. J. A. Johnson, from leave, has gone second officer, Kingyuan.
Mr. L. Moore, fourth officer, Anshun, has gone second officer, Tainan.

Mr. A. Taylor, chief officer, Hulchow, has gone chief officer, Anhui.
Mr. P. F. M. de Freitas, chief officer, Anhui, is on reserve.
Mr. E. G. Thomas, from Home leave, has gone chief officer, Anshun.

Mr. E. M. Gellie, from Home leave, is on reserve.
Mr. T. W. Scott, second officer, Anshun, has gone third officer, Anhui.

Mr. D. L. Campbell third officer, Anhui, has gone second officer, Anshun.
Mr. L. Evans, chief officer, Anshun, is on reserve.

Mr. R. J. T. Hopkins, from Leesang, has gone Master, Fausang.
Captain E. J. A. Porter, sup'y chief officer, Leesang, has gone Master, same ship.

Mr. W. F. Richard, Master of the Fausang, is on Home leave.
Captain B. O. Miford, from

Chipshing, has gone Master, Foo-shing.
Captain D. S. Pethick, from Foo-shing, has gone Master, Chipshing.

Mr. G. Clarke, chief officer, Paowu, has gone chief officer, Tuckwo.

Mr. A. M. Jewell, chief officer, Tuckwo, has gone chief officer, Paowu.

Mr. T. S. Griffiths second officer, Tuckwo, has gone sup'y. second officer, same ship.

Mr. A. E. Smith, sup'y. second officer, Pingwo, has gone second officer, same ship.

Mr. R. G. Gillaspie, from leave, has gone second officer, Tuckwo.

Mr. Q. C. Excell second officer, Tuckwo, is on reserve.

Mr. N. D. Fletcher, from leave, has gone second officer, Loongwo.

Mr. L. G. Merry second officer, Loongwo, has gone sup'y. second officer, same ship.

Mr. E. T. Griffiths, from reserve, has gone acting chief officer, Suiwo.

Mr. T. Fairburn, acting chief officer, Suiwo, has gone second officer, same ship.

Mr. G. A. R. Powell, second officer, Suiwo, has gone sup'y. second officer, same ship.

Mr. R. J. T. Hopkins, from Leesang, has gone Master, Fausang.

Mr. T. V. Benz, of the Minnie Moller, is on reserve.

Mr. T. A. Howard, chief officer, Minnie Moller, has gone acting Master, same ship.

Mr. P. Le Boutillier, from reserve, has gone Master, Hai Kwang.

Mr. G. Wilson, from Ah Kwang, has gone Master, Tien Kwang.

Mr. W. G. Briggs, from reserve, has gone Master, Ah Kwang.

Mr. W. Sudbury, Master of the Shu Kwang, is on reserve.

Mr. H. E. C. Turner, from Hai Kwang, has gone Master, Shu Kwang.

Mr. P. Cameron, sup'y. third engineer officer, Taming, has gone acting third engineer officer, Tainan.

Mr. A. D. Armour, chief engineer officer, Anking, has gone chief engineer officer, Kingyuan.

Mr. D. Dalgleish, chief engineer officer, Kingyuan, has gone chief engineer officer, Anking.

Mr. J. Watson, third engineer officer, Kanchow, has gone third engineer officer, Ichang.

Mr. G. M. Irvine, third engineer officer, Ichang, has gone third engineer officer, Kanchow.

Mr. A. T. McLellan, from reserve, has gone second engineer officer, Kingyuan.

Mr. T. G. Evans sup'y. third engineer officer, Suiyang, is on leave.

Mr. J. S. Young, third engineer officer, Shantung, has gone acting second engineer officer, Ninghai.

Mr. D. Davidson, third engineer officer, Ningpo, has gone third engineer officer, Shantung.

Mr. W. D. Gardner, third engineer officer, Kueichow, is on leave.

Mr. S. D. Wilkie, third engineer officer, Taming, has gone third engineer officer, Wusueh.

Mr. B. J. Mellett, third engineer officer, Ninghai, has gone sup'y. third engineer officer, Hsin Peking.

Mr. J. E. Haig, from Home leave, has gone chief engineer officer, Tatum.

Mr. N. S. Ballarday, from Home leave, has gone acting chief engineer officer, Wansien.

Mr. W. J. G. Jones, from Home leave, has gone sup'y. second engineer officer, Hsin Peking.

Mr. Che Yuen-tung, third engineer officer, Wuchang, is on leave.

Mr. Cheng Chang-too, from reserve, has gone acting third engineer officer, Wuchang.

Mr. J. Symington, chief engineer officer, Tatum, is on reserve.

Mr. J. J. Thompson, sup'y. third engineer officer, Shengking, has gone third engineer officer, Tainan.

Mr. W. R. Grant, third engineer officer, Namsang, has gone third engineer officer, Tuckwo.

Mr. B. H. Fookes, from Home leave, has gone chief engineer officer, Loongwo.

Mr. T. McCreath, chief engineer officer, Loongwo, is on leave.

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Suki Maru, Japanese str., 1,986 tons, Capt. Hiroto, from Milke, Kowloon Bay—M.B.K. Monday, March 9.

Akita Maru, Japanese str., 2,315 tons, Capt. K. Iroba, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf—N.Y.K.

Amazon Maru, Japanese str., 7,770 tons, Capt. T. Tanaki, from Yokohama via Shanghai, buoy No. A6—O.S.K.

Chekiang, British str., 1,313 tons, Capt. J. Moley, from Canton, buoy No. C1—B. & S.

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President Madison, American str., 3,341 tons, Capt. R. J. Healy, from Shanghai, Kowloon Wharf—American Mail Line.

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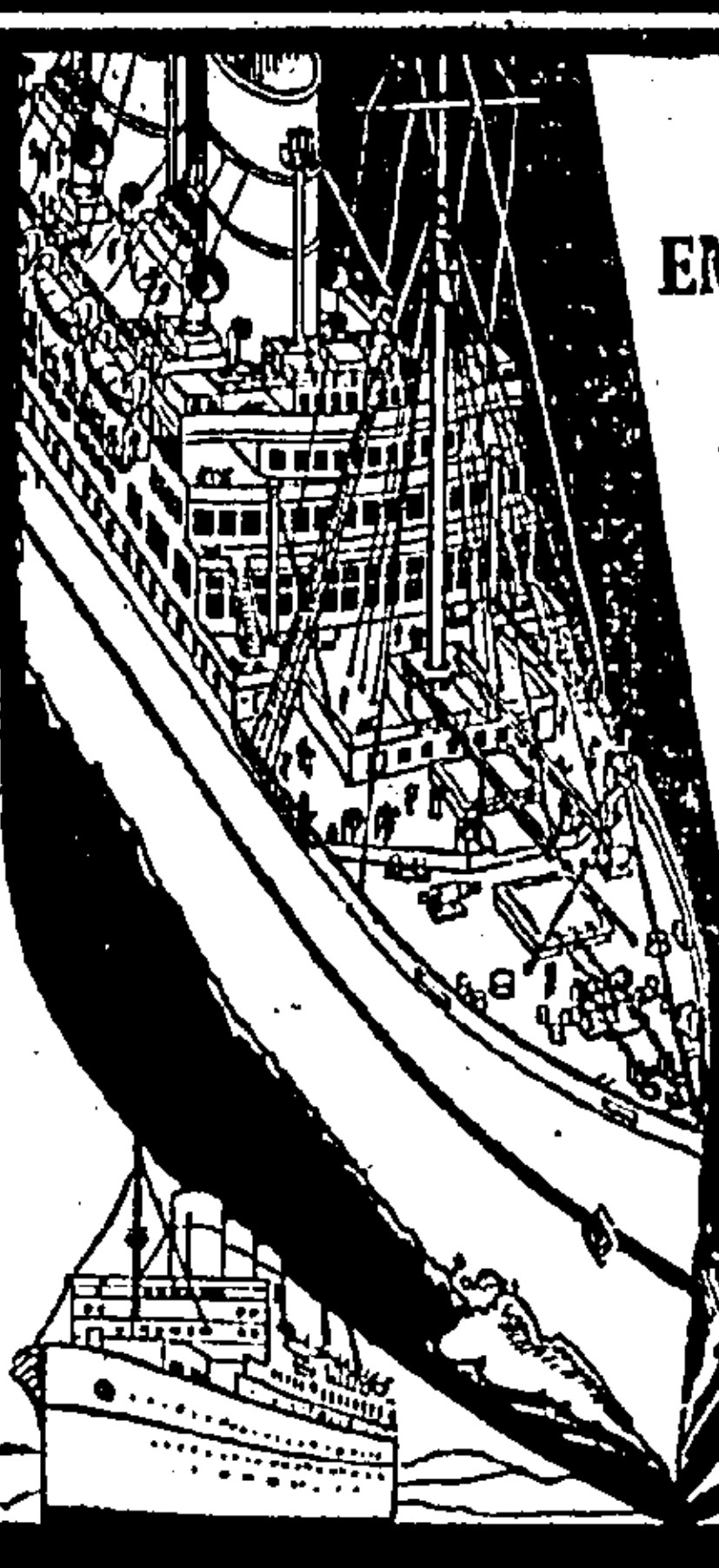
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KASHGAR	9,005	4th July	Marselles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
RAWALPINDI	10,619	18th July	Bombay, Marselles & London.
KEYBER	9,114	1st Aug.	Marselles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
RAJPUTANA	10,568	15th Aug.	Bombay, Marselles & London.
KARMALA	9,128	29th Aug.	Marselles & London.
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RAJPUTANA	10,568	24th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	9,853	6th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka & Yama.
TAKADA	6,949	10th Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
KALYAN	9,144	24th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
SIRDHANA	7,745	22nd Apr.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
COMORIN	15,132	24th Apr.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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KASHMIR	9,385	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	9,955	8th May	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka & Yama.
SANTHIA	7,754	22nd May	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
RANPURA	10,501	22nd May	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KASHGAR	9,005	5th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,600	5th June	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka & Yama.
RAWALPINDI	10,619	19th June	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
KEYBER	9,114	3rd July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
NELLORE	9,853	6th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka & Yama.
RAJPUTANA	10,568	17th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.
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ICE AT TAKU.

CONDITIONS OF EXCEPTIONAL
SEVERITY.

NAVIGATION TEDIOUS.

The ice conditions at Taku continue to be severe and several more ocean steamers have had to be diverted from the port on account of inability to land or discharge their cargoes at the inner anchorage.

The coast steamers are having great difficulty in forcing a passage through the ice floes which stretch for many miles in the Gulf, and navigation across the Bar is both tedious and dangerous. It would appear that without a strong wind from the North West there is little chance of an improvement taking place, as the continued Easterly winds tend to drive the ice towards the shore.

According to the Manchuria Daily News, Captain Miki of the Tencho Maru, is reported to have said that the ice at the mouth of the Peiho about the vicinity of Taku and Tangku is thicker than in the river itself. Near Taku, about 7 or 8 steamers were seen to be ice-bound. The ice condition in that area is far worse than yet known, and the Tencho Maru was herself harassed seriously by the ice on both outward and homeward trips. Things are the worst about 40 miles off Loolishan Promontory. Port Arthur, where the ice-sheets drift from Newchwang are overlapping one another, the thickest measuring 8 ft., of which 2 ft. is seen above the water. An encounter with such a piece would prove disastrous.

The seasoned mariners think that this year's ice condition in the Gulf beats anything in the past 10 years.

A wire received by the D.K.K. Head Office, Daifun, says that the s.s. Chohai Maru working the Tientsin-Tsingtao-Shanghai Line, was damaged in her hull by the ice.

NEW CARGO TONNAGE.

During the course of 1930 the tonnage of motor ships launched was 25 per cent. greater than that of steamers, but the proportion abroad was much higher than in this country. On the Continent oil-engined cargo vessels are being built to a considerable extent to replace old steam tonnage, and this fact may be co-related to the present position of cargo ship-building in this country and abroad. Whereas, according to The Motor Ship, there are such vessels of only 220,000 tons gross being built in Great Britain, cargo vessels of 540,000 tons gross are on the stocks abroad. Thus we are building a very much smaller amount of cargo tonnage than our Continental rivals (a year ago the figures were about equal), and this can scarcely be considered a healthy sign, specially bearing in mind that of the 14,000,000 tons of British cargo ships, 1,100,000 tons represent obsolescent vessels of over 25 years old.

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

March 9 to 15, 1931.

DATE	HIGH WATER	LOW WATER
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The dhony, the Lord Clyde, was given up as lost a month ago when an exhaustive search, by the tug Hercules proved fruitless, and the vessel was recorded as having sunk off the south coast. As it happened, however, it was blown on to a reef off the Maldives Islands.

The Lord Clyde left Dodandura for Hambantota on January 3 to ship a consignment of salt from the Hambantota pans. One day out, however, she was caught in a storm. Hither and thither she tossed, adrift the mid-ocean, for nearly a fortnight, while the crew of ten men suffered all manner of hardship. They were giving up hope, as the last of their provisions had vanished, when the vessel grounded on the Maldives reef.

Here their plight would have been little improved had not the Sultan, and the inhabitants, come to their rescue. Later they were provided with new clothing and lodging, while a Maldives schooner was prepared to return them to Colombo.

MOTOR SHIP.

Temple Press, Ltd., send us a copy of the February issue of the Motor Ship. The following subjects are dealt with in this issue: The 14,000-ton Geared Diesel South American Liner Monte Pascoal (Fully Illustrated).

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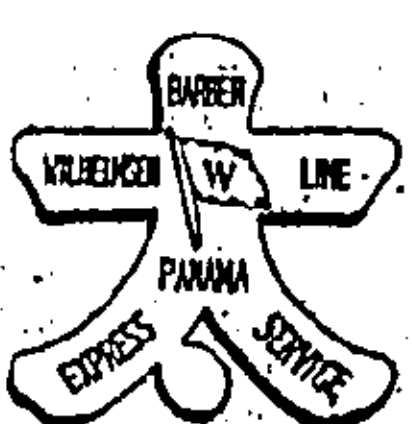
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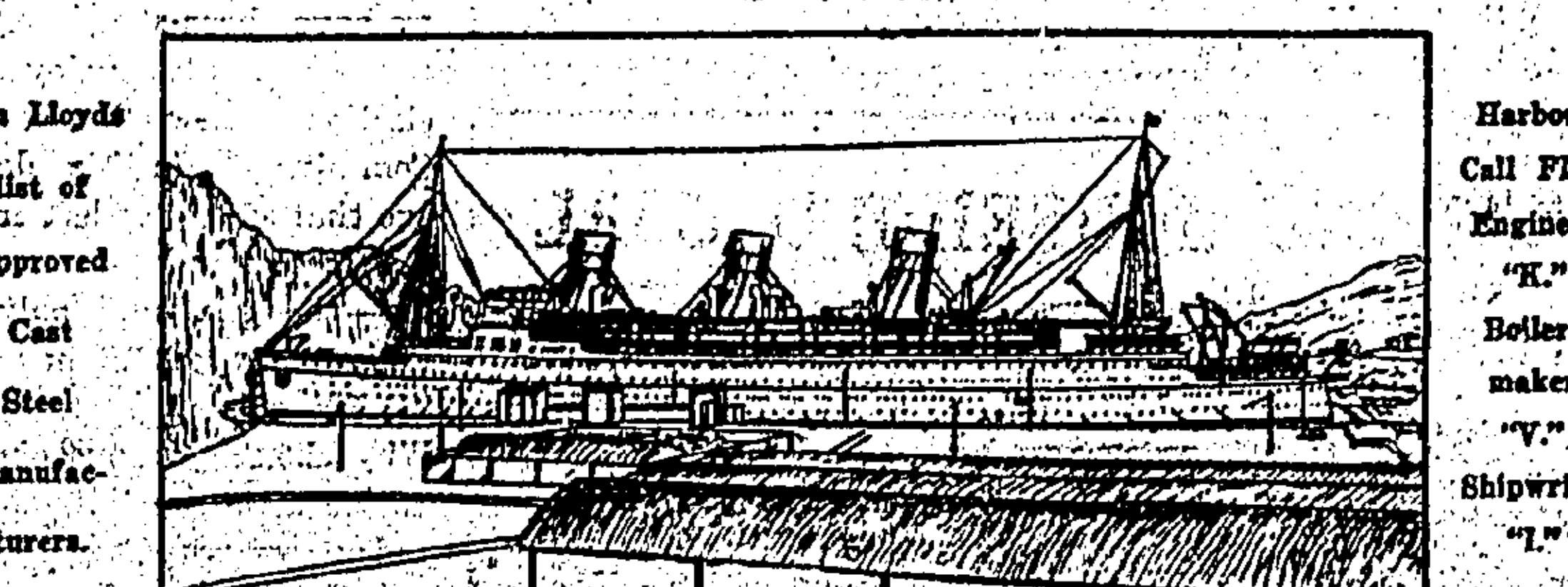
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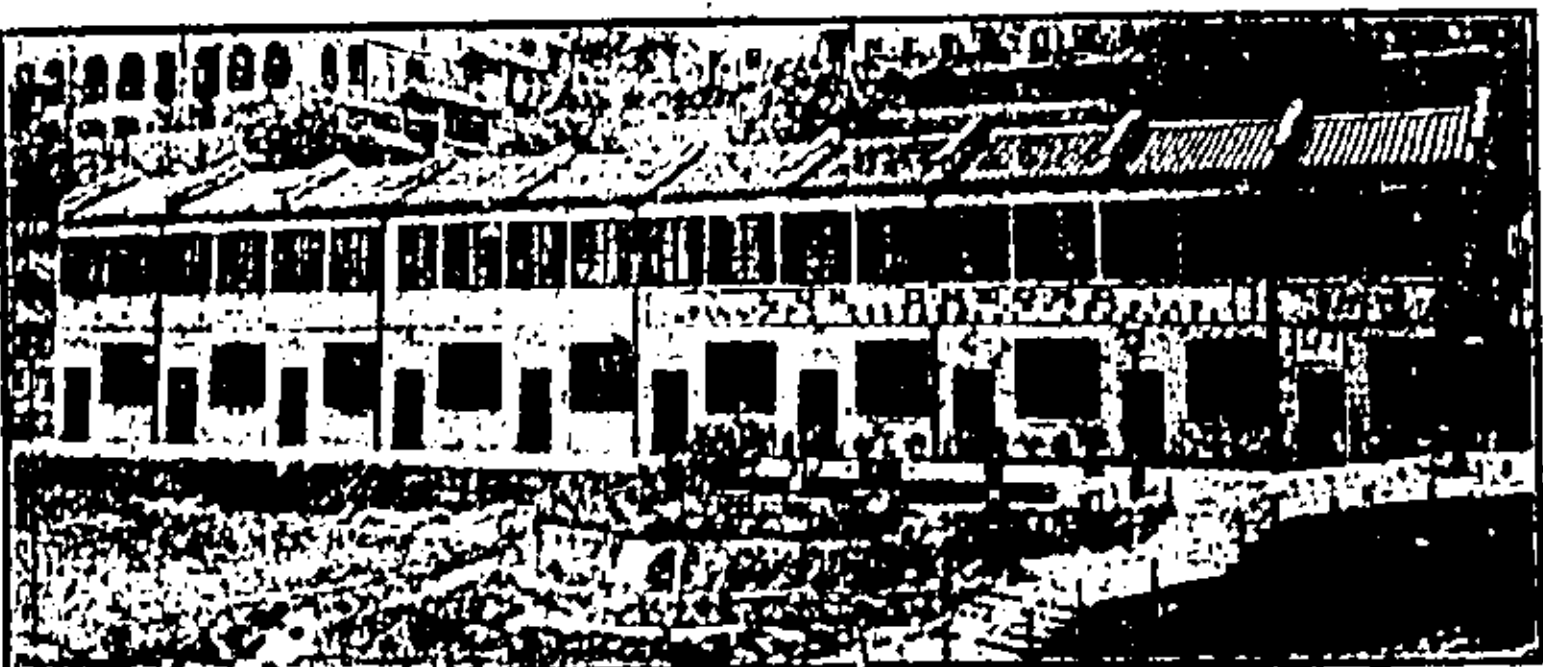
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"OLO CUSTOM"

With the beginning of the season of annual meetings of Associations of various kinds, social, sporting, and general, a revival is witnessed of the "olo custom" of having the programme all so nicely cut and dried that the proceedings degenerate into a mere formality. Outside the officials and Committee seldom has any one else the temerity to suggest anything contrary to the pre-arranged schedule, knowing that it would be rank heresy to do so and, in any case, he would assuredly find himself in a hopeless minority.

This observation is not original or new. Glancing over the files of the *Sunday Herald* for 1927, for example, we find this little comment: Reading the report of a certain meeting during the week we have been struck by the obsolete methods employed in the election of new office-bearers and Committee. In this democratic age that should be left entirely to the members at the annual meeting—the one and only opportunity they get to have a voice in the affairs of the concern. Why should an outgoing Committee nominate a new "head" and a new "deputy head"? Why, in the event of that nominee backing out, should he be asked to nominate some one else and couple it with the intimation that that someone has already accepted—and has actually a speech fitted to the occasion ready in his pocket? Why should the outgoing Committee take upon themselves to nominate the incoming Committee without a word of demur? Of course, such procedure

saves time at an annual meeting, but, as that meeting is held only once in twelve months, who should care if it lasts all night provided there is a quorum ready to sit all night?

A few weeks later—evidently as the result of experience of more annual meetings—the writer in our Sunday contemporary returned to the subject from a more facetious and flippant angle. We quote thus: The Hong Kong and Kowloon Ludo Club held its annual meeting the other day and as the meeting place was not within easy reach of a "moisture store" there was difficulty in securing a quorum. However, that didn't matter—not in the slightest! Had every one of the 1,111 members attended it wouldn't have made the slightest difference in the procedure. They would have learned in the course of a two-column speech that the Club was in a flourishing-of-the-trumpets condition. They would have been told that there was not the slightest need to worry over filling the two principal posts in the Club. Had not Mr. Dash agreed to become President even if Mr. Blank, the Vice-President, did hanker after the honour? True, Mr. Dash was not a ludo player, but he was certainly a fine man to preside at the "chow" on the occasion of the annual visit of the Lapland Ludo Club. As for the new Vice-President no better choice could be made than Mr. Asterisk who was known to have once read the rules and could be looked to be the next President in the following year. Amidst deafening applause the nominations were put to the meeting and the usual routine business was gone through without a hitch. In the four years that have elapsed since the foregoing paragraphs were penned not the slightest reform has been visible at annual meetings of Associations and Clubs—the reports of all their annual meetings tell the same stereotyped story: everything has been cut and dried in the sure belief that the average general member himself has been so innured to "olo custom" that, he can, safely be counted upon to raise his hand with the majority and "for ever hold his peace"—until something in his humble estimation goes awry and he "kicks out" against an official or against the Committee of whose unanimous election he himself was a party at the previous annual meeting. Then he may resolve that there will be a radical alteration when the first opportunity offers—only to attend the

next annual meeting and once again to aid and abet the farcical procedure of electing officers and Committee according to pre-arranged plan. Which, of course, makes it futile to do more than register a note of sheer amazement on a day when there appears little else to write about!

News in Brief.

Dr. J. W. Anderson, of 378, The Peak, has reported to the Police that between 4 p.m. yesterday and midnight last night, some person stole from the parking stand in Chater Road his Overland Whippet motor car, valued at \$2,500.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 58 degrees. The humidity was 79 degrees at 10 a.m. and 83 degrees at 4 p.m.

Lui Kau, stated to be a coolie employed by the Green Island Cement Company, was this morning charged before Mr. Hamilton in the Kowloon Court with the larceny of 56 bolts and nuts, from the Company's yard on March 8. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to six weeks' imprisonment.

For stealing various articles of clothing from No. 33, Canton Road yesterday, Lam Hi was sent to jail for three months. It was stated at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning that the clothing was the property of eight watchmen employed by the Kowloon Godown Co.

CARDINAL CHANGE.

SUCCESS OF SOCIALISM IN RUSSIA.

DANGER OF WAR.

Moscow, Yesterday.

A "cardinal change" in Russia's position during the past two years is claimed by M. Molotov in his report at the All-Union Congress of Soviets. He declared that the "enormous successes" of reconstruction in industry showed that the success of Socialism in Russia was assured. He asserted that the danger of war had grown as a result of four years' activity by the Disarmament Commission.

In the course of a review of foreign relations, M. Molotov noted that exports to Britain had increased in the past year by fifty per cent., to £15,000,000.

Relations With Japan.

Relations with Japan were developing normally. Economic relations had recently made a great stride.

On the contrary, M. Molotov said he was now satisfied with the relations with France and Poland, and declared that the French attitude towards the Soviet threatens peace.

There has been a growth of anti-Soviet tendencies in the United States; and representatives of the Vatican have been persistently working for intervention against the Soviets.

Position in China.

As regards China, while he hoped the Sino-Soviet conference would terminate successfully, they were carefully watching attempts to break the peace of the Far East.—Reuter.

America's Policy.

Washington, Yesterday.
Mr. Stimson is giving his personal attention to recent demands for a modification of the United States' Russian policy, and announces that a definite policy will be formulated after close study of the situation.—Reuter's American Service.

BRITISH BUDGET.

EXPENDITURE OF £800,000,000 ANTICIPATED.

DEFICIT LOWER.

London, Yesterday.

Whoever presents the Budget some time early in April (and it is not yet certain whether Mr. Snowden will be sufficiently well to do so) will probably have to provide for an expenditure of over £800,000,000.

Ordinary expenditures of the Navy, Army, Air, Civil votes and Revenue Department require £239,000,000, being an increase of £21,000,000 over last year. The big increase is almost entirely accounted for by the Civil votes (including unemployment allowances) as the service votes show a net decrease of £254,000.

The deficit at the close of the current year, March 31, is not now likely to be as large as expected a few weeks ago. At the present time it stands in the neighbourhood of £65,000,000 which is less than last year.

In the event of Mr. Snowden being unable to present the Budget, Mr. William Graham, President of the Board of Trade, will probably be entrusted with the duty.—Reuter.

A DISCIPLE OF CONFUCIUS.

Majority of Chinese
Prefer Old Style.

VIEWS ON CALENDAR.

An interesting visitor to Ipoh recently was Dr. Chen Huan-chang, President of the Confucian Association of Peking, and a graduate of Columbia University, U.S.A., who, in the course of a brief conversation with a Press representative stated that he had taken advantage of the New Year vacation to visit friends in Malaya. Dr. Chen, who is known to Chinese throughout the world, is a keen disciple of Confucius. He was the Confucian delegate to the Universal Religious Peace Conference held in Geneva a couple of years ago, a Conference which was promoted by the Church Peace Union.

Speaking of the Conference, Dr. Chen said that the convocation at Geneva was very successful from the point of view of educating public opinion. After attending the Geneva Conference, Dr. Chen spent about a year visiting the principal cities in Europe and America where he addressed large gatherings on the teachings of Confucius.

A Senator of China.

Dr. Chen, by the way, was at one time a Senator of the Chinese Parliament, an institution which according to him exists no longer in China. He now resides in Hong Kong where there is a large and flourishing branch of the Confucian Association and admitted that he was not kept in close touch with China's political problems for a long time.

There was one point on which Dr. Chen expressed himself strongly and that was in regard to the drastic action of the present Chinese Government in forcing on the people the Gregorian Calendar. The Jews, he said, who had no country, still kept their own Calendar and celebrated their religious festivals according to their calendar. The Koreans and the Japanese observed the Chinese calendar.

In spite of the action of the Chinese Government, Dr. Chen was of the opinion that the bulk of the Chinese population was greatly attached to the Chinese calendar.

NAVAL TREATY.

DETAILS OF FRANCO-ITALIAN AGREEMENT.

TO BE PUBLISHED TO-MORROW

Tokyo, Yesterday.

It is authoritatively learned that the details of the Franco-Italian naval agreement will be published simultaneously in the Capitals of the Five Powers on the 11th inst.

The publication was originally intended earlier but, owing to Japan's request for time to consider its attitude thereto, the original date has been postponed.

The naval authorities met yesterday to decide what attitude should be adopted, and Japan's reply will be given by the 11th inst.

The vernacular papers report that the navy agree to the figures, except those concerning submarine tonnage, which will be accepted only with reservations regarding the escalator clause, but it is authoritatively intimated that the final decision has not yet been made, and possibly the agreement will be accepted unreservedly.—Reuter.

PREMIER RECOVERS.

MR. HAMAGUCHI RETURNS TO THE DIET.

DASTARDLY ATTACK.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

Mr. Hamaguchi is proceeding to the Palace this afternoon to report to the Throne his complete recovery from the attack made on his life on November 14 last. After the audience he will take over the Premiership from Baron Shidehara and will face the Diet tomorrow for the first time in four months.

There is some fear that he will not be able to stand the strain of office, due to his weakened condition, and it is rumoured that he may resign at the end of the present session on the 26th inst. If he resigns, possibly General Ugaki or Kajiro Wakatsuki will succeed out that they were removed to a place of safety on the pavement.

CHINA MAIL PLANE CRASHES.

Comes to Grief While
Taking Off.

MAIL NOT DAMAGED.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

Saturday's air mail plane from Hankow to Nanking is reported to have crashed at Kiukiang. It is stated that the two pilots were injured, but details are lacking.

Later.
The China Airways report on the Kiukiang crash states that the plane was damaged while taking off, the damage making it impossible for her to continue the flight. She was taken in tow by H.M.S. Mantis, and was later hoisted on to the steamer Whangpoo and taken to Shanghai. Neither pilot was hurt, and the mail, which was undamaged, was transferred to the Whangpoo. The plane was not carrying any passengers.—Reuter.

"MERMAID" CAUGHT OFF SELANGOR.

Same Species As Aden Exhibits.

A LARGE DUGONG.

The Selangor "mermaid" which is now in the possession of the Museum at Kuala Lumpur, says the Malay Mail, is really a dugong, or, to give her correct name, a Halibore dugong. She is of the same species as the "mermaids" exhibited at Aden, whose only claim to be considered "mermaids" is the possession of breasts.

For the dugong, though a sea-dweller, is warm-blooded, and a mammal, and brings forth her young alive. The specimen now in the Kuala Lumpur museum is the first ever known to be caught off the Selangor coast, though specimens are occasionally caught off Singapore.

Alive in Kuala Lumpur.

She was netted by Chinese fishermen in the Malacca Straits on February 5, and brought to Sepang, where she was acquired by Mr. F. C. Fogh, of Telok Merbau Estate, who presented her to the Museum. She arrived the same day in Kuala Lumpur, just alive, was killed, skinned, and her bones extracted. The bones, after preparation, will be assembled in complete skeleton form, and a life-size model will be made from casts taken of the body. Both skeleton and model will be kept in the Museum.

The dugong was 8 feet 3 inches long, had a fish-like tail, a "flipper" on each side, two small eyes set well back in the head, two small nostrils, and a huge protuberance, really the end of her nose, over and in front of the mouth. In fact, in this respect she looked somewhat like a tapir.

Not A Sea-Cow.

The dugong must not be confused with a sea-cow of tropical American waters. The American sea-cow, or manatee, as it is called, is also a mammal, however.

The dugong lives away from coasts, and as a rule, at some depth, coming at intervals to the surface to breathe.

MISS EARHARDT WEDS.

Married To Publisher And Explorer.

New York, Feb. 7.

Amelia Earhardt, the trans-Atlantic aviator, and George Palmer Putnam, publisher and explorer, were married to-day at the home of Mr. Putnam's mother in Noark, Conn.

The bride said that she would retain her maiden name and that she would continue her executive position with an aviation company which operates an air line between New York, Philadelphia and Washington.

She added that she would be at her desk Monday and that her husband would be at work in his New York publishing house.

Ten Years Ago:

[From the "China Mail" of March 10, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/3/8.

Thanks to the prompt action of Mr. Leo d'Almada, collector, in effecting their rescue, two workmen of the Hong Kong Gas Company narrowly escaped death from asphyxiation in Queen's Road Central yesterday. They were instructed to disconnect the gas supply of the Bank Building, at the foot of Wyndham Street, which is being demolished to make room for the new A.P.C. building, when a volume of gas escaped and rendered the situation, and it is rumoured that the men unconscious. A large crowd of Chinese were gathered round, but it was not until Mr. d'Almada appeared that they were removed to a place of safety on the pavement.

K.R.A. ANNUAL MEETING.

Position of Considerable Influence.

REVIEW OF THE YEAR.

Splendid accomplishments by the Kowloon Residents' Association were referred to by the Rev. J. Horace Johnston (President), at the annual meeting of the Association held in the St. Andrew's Church Hall yesterday. There was a fair attendance, and supporting the President were Messrs. F. C. Mow Fung (Vice-President), C. Terry (Hon. Secretary), and Ezra Abraham (Hon. Treasurer).

President's Address.

The President said:—The Committee of the K.R.A. handle their task now so quietly and unobtrusively that the bulkiness of the report may come as a surprise to many. The work is carried out with a quietness that is the mark of conscious strength and with a sureness of touch which is the outcome of matured experience. As one of the institutions of the Colony, the K.R.A. has steadily risen to a position of considerable influence, and I take this opportunity to call renewed attention to the fact that the weight of the Association's influence cannot be attributed to the numerical strength of its membership. The secret of the Association's power lies rather in the willingness among men, of standing and ability, representing all sections of the community, to dedicate their time and talents to the service of the public, and in the soundness of the principles which guide their activities.

May it continue to be the aim of the Committee to view local questions with the best local knowledge and keenest local interest but, at the same time, in the broadest light, as they stand related to the interests of the Colony in general; to anticipate the requirements of Kowloon, if possible, and advocate the need beforehand rather than raise a belated outcry when trouble arises; to take it as an axiom that Public



Poet: "I ought to have been a dentist, for then my words would have been in everybody's mouth."

—Lustige Sachen, Leipzig.

Utility Companies are desirous of accommodating their service, whatever it may be, to the reasonable demands of their public, and to co-operate with them to that end in a friendly spirit; similarly, in approaching the Government, to assume that help will be forthcoming where need can be proved to be urgent; to provide a constructive suggestion in cases of difficulty, rather than a barren protest or complaint; to avoid all rash and ill-considered comments and criticisms and keep strictly to those which can be clearly defined and substantiated, and, while exercising such prudence, to shirk no problem however delicate or disagreeable; to give due consideration to every matter that is brought before them and return a courteous answer to every complainant; to count no matter too small to handle because only a few persons are concerned; if some distinct principle is involved, and to count no matter too large because the whole Colony is concerned, where there is a distinct obligation to speak on behalf of that portion of the Colony which they represent.

Unofficial's Tribute.

A very considerable portion of this volume is devoted to Appendix A. It will readily be understood that the assembling of so many facts and figures entailed heavy work on some members of Committee, whose names do not appear. The words of the Hon. Mr. J. Owen Hughes, spoken in Council, are worthy of note:

"Unofficial Members and the rest of the Colony owe a debt of gratitude to the Committee of the Association for their appeal to Government."

I should like to take this opportunity of expressing my regret that this is the last meeting I shall attend as a member of this Association. I have counted it a very great privilege to work with the committee of the K.R.A., and more particularly to preside over its gatherings. I express my personal regret at leaving the Colony, and that I shall not be able to continue

WESTMINSTER GLEE SINGERS.

Fine Selection of Old Sea Songs.

ANOTHER GREAT SHOW.

Old-time memories were revived for many of those present last night in the Star Theatre when the Westminster Glee Singers included in their programme an admirably arranged selection of British sea songs. Mr. Edward Branscombe, introducing them to the audience, said that they formed only a part of the great number of melodies that had been produced by a maritime nation. The audience would have heard an even greater part.

The company started the selection with "Cheer, Boys, Cheer," "A Life on the Ocean Wave," and "Rule Britannia," after which a series of individual numbers followed. James Barber was in fine voice in "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep," and Ernest McKinley sang "Tom Bowling,"—so little heard nowadays,—in truly sympathetic manner. Wilfred Thomas followed with "The Mermaid," and afterward Albert Greene, a great favourite with local audiences, delighted these present with "Sally Brown," "What Shall We Do With The Drunken Sailor," and, by special request, "Rio Grande." The company gave "Bay of Biscay" in spirited manner, concluding with a beautifully rhythmic version of the "Sailor's Hornpipe."

Insistent applause greeted "Widcombe Fair," by Albert Greene and other members of the company. It was given by special request, and was one of the outstanding successes of the evening. Robert Scott was encored for "I Hear You Calling Me," and gave "My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose," in response.

As might have been expected, "The Bells of St. Michael's Tower" was again called for, and was given in most polished fashion. Previously Mr. Branscombe's arrangement of "The Lass With the Delicate Air" had fully deserved the encore demanded.

Quite one of the prettiest things of the evening was the singing by one of the boy sopranos of Willoughby's "Coming Home." The song suited the lad to perfection, its very simplicity adding to its appeal. He sang it with more feeling than is usually expected from one of his years, and his tone was very true and sweet.

These were only a few of the items in a programme of consistent excellence. One could listen to to the Westminster Singers time and time again. They obviously take a pleasure in their performance, which is happily devoid of any "stunting" or straining after effect.

my connection with the work. I formally move the adoption of the report and balance sheet.

Mr. C. Manners seconded and the report and accounts were passed unanimously.

Election of Officers.

The election of officers which followed resulted as follows:—President: Mr. F. C. Mow Fung. Vice President: Capt. C. B. Riggs. Hon. Treasurer: W. J. Brown. Hon. Secretary: Mr. C. E. Terry. General Committee: Lieut.-Colonel D. Matthews, Capt. T. Laurence, Lieut. W. W. Rogers, Messrs. E. Cook, F. H. Grapell, W. Goldenberg, C. M. Mannors, D. W. Munton, N. Pooley, F. W. Stapleton, E. C. Tregillus, B. Wylie, R. L. d'Almada e Castro, Jun., J. M. Alves, R. Pestonji, B. W. Taps, Li Jow-zon, and H. F. Un.

A Duty.

Mr. Mow Fung after being elected President said that for a resident of Kowloon to be a member of that Association was a duty, as the Editor of one of their newspapers—the Sunday Herald—so aptly put it in a leading article on Sunday. To be elected to the Committee of that Association was a privilege, but to be appointed President was a great honour indeed.

Mr. Mow Fung mentioned that the Rev. J. Horace Johnston had twice been their President, and had rendered much valuable service. They regretted his leaving them, but he carried away with him the best wishes of the K.R.A. for his future success, health and prosperity, wherever he might be.

Mr. Jas. T. Dobbie stated that the Committee had deviated from the strict business policy of the Association last year when the new Governor was welcomed to Kowloon. He suggested that the Incoming Committee might deviate again this year and arrange a farewell gathering in honour of their retiring President—the Rev. J. Horace Johnston—on the eve of his departure for Hong Kong.

As new President, Mr. Mow Fung thanked Mr. Dobbie for his suggestion which, he promised, would receive the careful consideration of the new Committee. This concluded the business.

"THE ART OF GOOD LIVING."

Sparrows and Vipers on the Menu.

MEDIAEVAL DISHES.

"The Art of Good Living," as practised by the chief gourmets of Western Europe, from St. Isidore, Bishop of Seville, who died in A.D. 636, to the Seventeenth Century, is illustrated in an exhibition of manuscripts and rare printed books from the collection of Andre L. Simon at the First Edition Club, 17, Bedford Square.

Advice on the growing of vines and the maturing of their products, on the preparation of choice foods for royalty, and on their probable effects on the digestion are among the many subjects of which the exhibition treats.

The diet of the Dauphin (later Francis II. of France) at the age of nine is disclosed in a manuscript account book of the Chateau of Amboise, where the Dauphin was then in residence. The purchases for Saturday, January 21, 1552, included 25 setiers (100 pints) of white wine for the Dauphin and the six other children who were living with him. One of these was Mary Stuart, then ten years old, and already betrothed to the Dauphin for four years.

The day being a day of abstinence, fish is the next item—from the river or ponds, pikes, roach, carp, gudgeons, and cewesies; from the sea, a tortoise, oysters, soles, cod, white and red herrings. All these were supplied by the same fish-monger, as well as four vipers. The "staff" kitchen, for which the accounts were kept separately, had no tortoise, but were provided with 100 oysters and 200 white and red herrings.

"Haven of Health."

The proper niceties which distinguished varying positions at Court, are indicated in a household book of a later Dauphin, covering the years 1682-8. A gradual diminishing of menus passes from the Dauphin himself, through "Le Table du Premier Maître d'Hotel," "Le Table des Maîtres d'Hotel," "Les pages," "Les valets de chambre," "Les officiers de fourviere," down near the very bottom to the Father Confessor and the ordinary servants. Three pigeons were allotted as a single course to the Confessor, and the meals of the higher tables were proportionately vast.

On the side of medicine the position of honour is allotted to the "Regimen Sanitatis" of Jean de Westphalie (about 1480), who was responsible for the introduction of alcohol into the Materia Medica under the name of "Elixir of Life."

Some of the most detailed advice under this head is provided by T. Orwin, who published the Haven of Health in 1689. Following are some of his more practical hints: "Woodcocks are of a good temperature, and meetly light in digestion."

"Pigeons are very hot and moist; wherefore they are not good for those that be cholericke."

"Blacke birds are greatly commended for lightnesse of digestion, and that they make good nourishment and little odore."

"Sparrowes be hard to digest, and very hotte, and stir up Venus especially the cocke sparrows."

Grapes and Figs.

"Grapes," according to another authority, "do not nourish so much as figges, but beinge rype, they make not moche yll iuyce in the body: albeit newly gathered they trouble the body, therefore yf they are hanged up a while or they be eaten, they are the lesse noyfull."

Other works, dealing with table manners, suggest the necessity for nose-blowing and the desirability, at any rate, of washing the hands before a meal.

The type of wine grown in various districts in the Tyrol in the Fourteenth Century are shown in the Rent Book of the Monastery of Polling in Upper Bavaria, probably the most valuable of all the manuscripts in the exhibition. Payments were made mostly in wine, but also in fish and leather goods, spurs, saddles, and harness, as well as in cash.

"NEW ENGLAND."

BOUNDARIES FOR STATE IN AUSTRALIA.

CONSTITUTION TO BE DRAFTED.

Sydney, Yesterday. The boundaries of the proposed New England State to be formed in the north-eastern portion of New South Wales will comprise 130,000 square miles. It is estimated that the State will have a population of 250,000. A convention of representatives of the various local governing bodies is to be held at Sydney on April 7 in order to draft a constitution. The boundaries of the proposed New England State to be formed in the north-eastern portion of New South Wales will comprise 130,000 square miles. It is estimated that the State will have a population of 250,000. A convention of representatives of the various local governing bodies is to be held at Sydney on April 7 in order to draft a constitution.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Hong Kong Hotels.

To-morrow—Police Interport Carnival Dance, Lane Crawford's, 8.30 p.m.

March 17—St. Patrick's Society's Ball, Peninsula Hotel.

March 20—Yorkshire Society's Dinner.

Entertainments.

To-day—Queen's Theatre.

To-day—Central Theatre.

To-day—Majestic Theatre.

To-day—Star Theatre.

To-day—World Theatre.

To-day—The Father's Son (Chinese picture).

To-day—Westminster's Glee Singers, Star Theatre, 9.20 p.m.

To-day—"Art & Mrs. Bottle" by A.D.C. Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Sports.

See Diary on page 8.

Meetings.

To-day—Hong Kong University Union, Great Hall, 5 p.m.

To-day—Victoria Diocesan Conference, 5.15 p.m.

To-morrow—Hong Kong Telephone Co., Ltd., Exchange Building (2nd floor), 11.30 a.m.

March 16—A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong Hotel, 11.30 a.m.

March 18—Green Island Cement Co., Exchange Building, 11.30 a.m.

March 18—Dairy Farm Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., 2, Lower Albert Road, noon.

Home Mails.

Friday—Inward from America and ports (President Pierce); from Europe via Suez (Kermala).

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Lantern lecture in Union Church, Kowloon, by Pro. Herklots, D.P.H., B.Sc., 8.45 p.m.

To-day—Central British School prize distribution St. Andrew's Church Hall, 5.30 p.m.

SOCIAL HYGIENE.

FIFTH IMPERIAL CONGRESS IN LONDON.

The fifth Imperial Social Hygiene Congress, organised by the British Social Hygiene Council, will meet in London on July 13 to 17 under the presidency of Sir Basil Blackett, K.C.B. K.C.S.I.

The Congress will open with a review by the Dominion and Colonial representatives of the general position in relation to social hygiene and venereal disease throughout the Empire, and will be followed by the presentation of "progress" reports from the Dominions and India.

A feature of the 1931 Congress will be the holding of concurrent sessions on certain days. The medical sessions will be concerned with papers on methods of dealing with ante-natal venereal disease and the results that can be obtained in the mother and child, on the choice of remedies in syphilis, and on sterility. A display of medical and educational films illustrative of the subjects under discussion will be given.

Problem of Social Customs. A session of the Congress of interest to missionaries, teachers and others working overseas will be that devoted to the consideration of the problem of social customs related to social hygiene. Special attention will also be given to those customs which facilitate the dissemination of venereal disease.

The concluding sessions of the Congress will have an international as well as an imperial character. A joint session will be held with the Union Internationale Centre le Peril Venerien to consider "follow-up" work from treatment centres. And the international situation with regard to venereal disease and social hygiene will be discussed between the Union Internationale, the British Social Hygiene Council, and representatives of the League of Nations and the International Labour Office.

Overseas representatives attending the Imperial Congress may find it convenient to attend the Sixth Social Hygiene Summer School which will be held at St. Hugh's College, Oxford between July 29 and August 5. A course of lectures on biology and human life will be given by Sir J. Arthur Thomson, lately Regius Professor of Natural History at Aberdeen University. Professor Winifred Collins and Dr. Feldman will lecture on the physiology of adolescence. Professor Cyril Burt, the Psychologist of the Education Department of the London County Council and Dr. William Brown, Reader in Mental Philosophy at the University of Oxford, will deliver a series of lectures on the contributions of psychology to the problem of social hygiene.

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Tytam Byewash 24' 1" B 28' 2" B

Tytam Intermediate 34' 10" B 30' 3" B

Tytam Tuk 44' 0" B 32' 1" B

Wong Nei Chung 24' 11" B 24' 0" B

Pokfulam 18' 6" B 21' 0" B

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow." A. denotes "Above Overflow." L. denotes "Level with Overflow." Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

Total 921.15 1,038.79

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of February.

1930 1931

Consumption 184.19 201.34

Estimated population 440,300 450,400

Consumption per head per day 14.9 15.9

February, 1930.—From February 1 to 28, a 12 hours supply (9 a.m.—6 p.m.) was given to all Rides Main Districts (Principal Mains closed 8 p.m.—9 a.m.).

February, 1931.—From February 1 to 28 a constant street fountain supply was operated in all Rides Main Districts excepting 3 days (16—18th inclusive) when a Full Supply was given on account of Chinese New Year.

Kowloon.

1930 1931

Kowloon Reservoir 0' 4" B 14' 0" B

Shek Lai Pui Reservoir 10' 1" B 5' 7" B

Reception Reservoir 2' 7" B 11' 8" B

Storage in millions and decimals of gallons.

1930 1931

Kowloon Reservoir 289.78 232.00

Shek Lai Pui Reservoir 78.72 94.50

Reception Reservoir 26.40 6.22

Total 394.90 332.72

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of February.

1930 1931

Consumption 100.28 117.54

Estimated population 174,100 179,140

Consumption per head per day 22.6 22.4

Constant supply in all districts during February, 1930 and 1931.

The Government Analyst's reports show that the quality of the water is satisfactory.

Total rainfall: February 28, 1930, 8.06; February 28, 1931, .87.

LOANS TO CHINA.

JAPAN REFUSES TO ALLOW CANCELLATION.

NANKING'S APPEAL.

Tokyo, Yesterday.

Japan will never consent to China's demand for cancellation of her unsecured loans to China, asserted Baron Shidehara, replying to an urgent interpellation in the Upper House.

The question arose as the result of a press dispatch reporting that the "Whites" Debt Funding Commission had passed a resolution in favour of Nanking's demand for cancellation of "half Japan's unsecured loans." Reuters.

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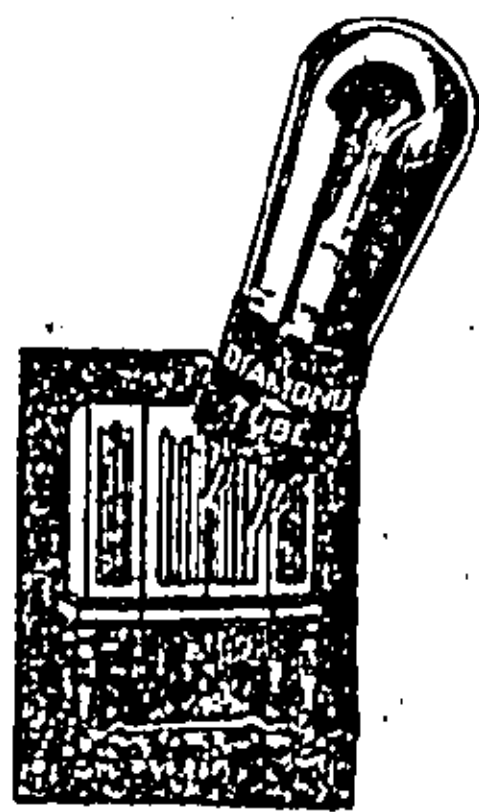
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YESTERDAY'S LAWN TENNIS.

Two Former Champions
Are Victorious.

INDIAN PAIR WIN.

Further progress was made in the Hong Kong Cricket Club lawn tennis tournament yesterday afternoon when the following matches were decided:

Open Singles.
M. W. Lo beat Ho Wai-hing 6-0 6-2.
Ng Sze-kwong beat A. O. Johnson 6-0, 6-2.
Open Doubles.
A. L. Sullivan and L. Goldman beat Dr. Montgomery and Foster 6-3, 6-1.
C. A. L. Rumbold and J. A. E. Cassumbly beat Lt.-Col. J. G. Lecky and Capt. W. M. Morgan 6-1, 6-1.
Segalen and F. Zimmern beat C. S. Pile and C. E. Hanwell 6-4, 6-4.
Club Championship.
Capt. E. C. Etherington beat E. R. Price 6-0, 6-0.
W. N. Petch beat L. T. Ride 8-6, 6-3.

FRANCE PESSIMISTIC THIS YEAR.

Will She Relinquish
Davis Cup.

COCHET CRITICISED.

Paris, February 28.
The usual French winter anvil chorus is being once more loudly rendered by the tennis writers. Cochet is not in form; Borotra will never play leading tennis roles again; Brugnon is too frail; Boususs has not come along as expected; de Bubelet is too erratic and what will become of the poor Davis Cup are some of the renditions. Cochet was recently shown a rather bitter article devoted especially to proving that Henri was taking things too easy, neglecting practice. "We play the Davis Cup around July 20. There is six months to go. Plenty of time," Cochet said. —Associated Press.

TEDDY BALDOCK TO BE MARRIED.

Novel Wedding Cake of
the Ring.

AGAINST WOMEN FANS

London, Feb. 2.
Brand new furniture wrapped in brown paper was placed on a brand new carpet in a brand new house in East Ham yesterday, brand new aluminium cooking utensils gleamed in a tiny brand new kitchen. Teddy Baldock, the Poplar bantamweight, and the owner of the new house, seated himself on the end of an armchair. Miss Maisie McCrae, to whom he is to be married on Thursday, sighed. "I don't know how we shall get straight," she said.

Poplar's Thrill.
The Baldock-McCrae wedding promises to be one of the "season's excitements" in Poplar. It will take place at All Saints' Church, and Poplar residents will turn out in hundreds to see the happy culmination of a romance that began in childhood. Teddy is 24, his bride-elect two years younger.

Miss McCrae, who wears her auburn hair in long, picturesque curls, glanced at her future possessions with wide-open bright blue eyes. She described her wedding dress—oyster satin with pink. She will be followed to the altar by two bridesmaids in black and white—one of them her bridegroom's sister.

There will be two best men—one of them Sonny Provost, Teddy's life-long friend, who has given them a silver tea service as a wedding gift.

Everything Complete.
All the guests will be amused at the wedding cake, which will embody a sugar boxing ring with chairs and towels all ready for the match.

After the marriage the new Mrs. Baldock is to have a life-long wife gratified. She is to be allowed to witness a boxing match. So far she has never seen one.

Teddy Baldock shook his head when he spoke about women and boxing matches. "I don't think they're the right sights for girls to see," he said to a Daily Express representative yesterday. "After they're married women—well, it's different."

But he is nervous lest his bride-elect should acquire the boxing match habit.

Carnegie has been booked so much that the common belief is that he is virtually unobtainable—a giant with a glancing blow for the prize of a chair. —H. G. Lewis.

Sport Columns

SCOTTISH FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

Dundee's Victory at
Home.

ST. MIRREN LOSE.

In the First Division of the Scottish League yesterday Dundee, playing on their own ground, defeated St. Mirren, by virtue of which they go up to sixth place on the League table.

Result as cable by Reuter:—
Dundee 2 St. Mirren 0

REVISED TABLE.

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Motherwell	31	20	6	5	85	30	46
Rangers	30	20	5	5	70	24	45
Celtic	29	19	6	4	80	23	44
Partick	30	18	3	9	60	30	39
Hearts	31	17	4	10	81	53	38
Dundee	30	16	3	11	50	47	35
Hamilton	32	15	4	13	52	44	34
Airdrie	31	15	4	12	51	54	34
Aberdeen	33	13	6	14	64	56	24
Cowdenbeath	29	12	6	11	42	45	30
Clyde	31	13	4	14	52	55	30
St. Mirren	30	11	7	12	47	52	29
Kilmarnock	29	11	3	15	44	51	25
Morton	30	10	5	15	50	57	25
Queen's Park	29	9	6	14	49	56	24
Falkirk	29	11	2	16	51	70	24
Leith	31	7	10	14	43	57	24
Hibernians	31	7	6	18	39	57	20
Ayr	29	3	10	16	35	75	15
East Fife	31	4	4	23	33	102	12

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

LAWN TENNIS.—To-day—H.K.C.C. Tournament.

RACING.—Saturday.—First Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

March 22.—Fauling Hunt Club's Steeplechase Meeting.

FOOTBALL.—To-day—Council Meeting, 5.30 p.m.

Saturday.—First Division—Police R.C. v. Chinese Athletic; Royal Artillery v. Kowloon F.C.; Club v. Navy; Borderers v. Club de Reccole; South China A.A. v. Argyle.

Thursday.—Hong Kong Police v. Shanghai Police, H.K.F.C. Ground, 4.15 p.m.

Sunday.—South China A.A. v. Shanghai Police, Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.

FENCING.—Monday.—Fencing Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 5.15 p.m.

March 21.—Tournament, Yacht Club, 8.30 p.m.

CHESS.—Friday.—Kowloon Chess Club Championship.

GOLF.—Friday.—Final of Captain's Cup (Ladies), Fanling.

ATHLETICS.—Saturday.—Hong Kong v. Canton Universities, Caroline Hill, 1.30 p.m.

CRICKET.—Saturday.—Division I.—Indian R.C. v. Civil Service C.C. (F.); Division II.—University v. Club de Reccole (L); Kowloon C.C. v. Police R.C. (L); Royal Engineers v. Hong Kong C.C. (L); Civil Service C.C. v. Indian R.C. (F.); Craigengower C.C. v. R.A.S.C. (F).

HOCKEY.—To-morrow.—Hockey Club v. S.W. Borderers, Marina Ground, 5.15 p.m.

Saturday.—Carr Clark Cup—St. Andrew's Club v. Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club; Club de Reccole v. Diocesan Girls' School.

HOME.

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KOWLOON ANNUAL MARATHON RACE.

South Wales Borderers
to the Fore.

DEAD HEAT RECORDED.

Lance-Corporal Palmer and Private Jones-Rogers, both of the South Wales Borderers, breasted the tape together, to win the ninth annual Kowloon Marathon yesterday, organised by the St. Andrew's Club.

The course covered a distance of 6½ miles, and there were 27 entries for this year's event. All but one completed the course. It is the first dead heat victory since the inception of this event.

Shortly before 4.30 p.m., the runners lined up across Nathan Road, outside the St. Andrew's Church entrance, and were started off by Mr. J. P. Robinson. They packed together along Nathan Road, and on turning into Waterloo Road the runners spread out. Some gained ground whilst others went slower. The winners went into the lead early in the race, and were closely followed by A.B. Reason, who was third man home. A.B. Murpet came fourth.

Some of the runners ran in parties of four and five, whilst two or three were content with running and walking, off and on. The winners were by no means exerted, and judged a splendid race. The course was a little longer this year, due to the fact that the short cut through Middle Road is unavailable.

Good Time.

The winners' time was :—34 minutes 36 seconds. Bugler White, of the Somerset Light Infantry, broke the record last year, his time being 33 minutes 25 seconds.

After the race, spectators went into the Church Hall where Mrs. E. A. Lang, wife of Col. Lang, distributed the prizes to the winners. The Rev. W. Walton Rogers, in a short speech of introduction, said that the first race was run in 1921, and with the exception of 1922, one was held each successive year. The entries this year compared favourably with those of last year, but he had hoped to find a bigger entry. They had reached the hundred mark on one occasion, and he hoped that they would do so again. The course this year was a little longer than last year's, and it therefore was very difficult to compare the times.

Mrs. Lang was then presented with a bouquet of flowers.

Result as a Glance.

The result was as follows:—
1. (Cup presented by Mr. R. M. Dyer, C.R.E.)—Lance-Corporal Palmer, S.W.B.

1. (Cup presented by Mr. Ezra Abraham)—Private Jones-Rogers, S.W.B.—dead heat.

3. (Cup presented by Mr. C. H. Manners)—Able Seaman L. Reason, H.M.S. Cumberland.

The following started besides the four already mentioned:—
A. Allerton (Cumberland), L./Cpl. Andrews (S.W.B.), G. P. Basset (R.A.F.), A. B. Cundick (Serapis), Pte. Cooper (S.W.B.), F. D. Davies (Serapis), L./Cpl. Davies (S.W.B.), Pte. Durbin (S.W.B.), Pte. Edwards (S.W.B.), Pte. Guard (S.W.B.), Marine Head (Suffolk), Sgt. Hyde (S.W.B.), Pte. Jones (S.W.B.), Pte. Lalonde (S.W.B.), Pte. Pentecost (S.W.B.), Pte. Phillips (S.W.B.), A. B. Ryder (Cumberland), Pte. Rolan (S.W.B.), A. B. Young (Cumberland), Gnr. Corfield (12th Heavy Battery, R.A.), Gnr. Court (12th Heavy Battery, R.A.), H. Owen Davies (C.S.O. Office) and MacLean (Argylls).

The officials were as follows:—
Starter, Mr. J. P. Robinson; Judges, Capt. R. D. Thomas, Lieut. A. J. Stocker, Lieut. T. H. S. Galletley, and Mr. C. H. Manners. Time Keepers, Messrs. J. H. Hunt, J. W. Baldwin, R. Baldwin and G. H. P. White; Medical Attendant, Dr. K. H. Uttley.

HOCKEY.

CLUB ELEVEN FOR TO-MORROW.

The following have been selected to represent the Club to-morrow against the South Wales Borderers on the Marina ground at 5.15 p.m.:—

Duncan, J. Rogers, A. Botelho; G. R. More, A. Dandy, J. Noronha; G. E. Hughes, G. E. R. Divett, G. W. Skipp, P. Francis, and G. P. Lammer.

It would seem that the day of the "forward" is over, and that the "defensive" is now the order of the day.

—A. C. Smith.

GREAT CAPTAINING IN FIFTH TEST MATCH.

Grant, Declares, Both
West Indian Innings.

AUSTRALIA DEFEATED.

London, March 4.
English critics of cricket to-day pay warm tributes to the bold leadership shown by G. C. Grant, the captain of the West Indies team, in the fifth Test Match against Australia. The match was won by the West Indies by 30 runs, after Grant had declared in both innings, although six days had been allotted for the match.

Grant formerly played for Cambridge and the critics suggest that he would be a great acquisition to an England team. He showed boldness of leadership rarely seen in Test cricket and snatched a brilliant victory.

In spite of the six days allotted for the match, Grant declared his first innings closed at 350 for six wickets. His bowlers then dismissed Australia for 224 runs. Going in again, the West Indies had scored 124 for five wickets when Grant declared a second time, leaving Australia to get 251 for victory. Grant's confidence in his bowlers on the rain-damaged pitch was well founded, for they dismissed Australia for 220.

The "Invincible" Don Bradman was dismissed for a "duck," while Woodfull was put out for 18 and Ponsford for 28. The match concluded amid tremendous enthusiasm.—United Press.

Bradman's Song "Hit."

Don Bradman has composed a song entitled "Every Day is a Rainbow Day for Me," says a B.U.P. Melbourne message.

It was introduced during the performance of the pantomime "Beauty and the Beast" at the Grand Opera House.

The song is described as pleasantly melodious and sentimental. Bradman was called to the stage to bow his thanks for the enthusiastic reception accorded the song.

WEST INDIANS PLAY NEW SOUTH WALES.

Sydney, Feb. 21.
The match between West Indies and New South Wales commenced here to-day. The following is to-day's closing score: West Indies 339 (Roach 65, Readley 70, Sealey 58); New South Wales had commenced their first innings when the game had to be stopped for the day owing to rain.

Sydney, Feb. 23.
The following are to-day's closing scores in the match between the West Indies and New South Wales which commenced on Saturday: West Indies 339; New South Wales 190 (Constantine 6 for 45); West Indies 98 for 3 wickets.

SHEFFIELD SHIELD.

South Australia Lead
Victoria.

Adelaide, Feb. 20.
The following is the closing score in the Sheffield Shield match between South Australia and Victoria which commenced to-day: South Australia 330 for 7 (Waite 74).

Adelaide, Feb. 21.
The following is to-day's closing score in the Sheffield Shield match between South Australia and Victoria, which commenced yesterday: South Australia 439 (Loneragan 169, Ironmonger 7 for 135); Victoria 150 for 8 (Rigg 50).

Adelaide, Feb. 23.
The following are to-day's closing scores in the Sheffield Shield match between South Australia and Victoria which commenced on Friday: South Australia 439; Victoria 369 (Woodfull 177, Oakley 73, Grimmett 4 for 165); South Australia 32 for 4 wickets.

HARLEQUINS WIN AT HOME.

Rosslyn Park Beat
Devonport Services.

LEICESTER DRAW.

London, Feb. 23.
The following were the results of Club Rugby matches played to-day:—
Bristol 16, Richmond 0.
Devonport Services 0, Rosslyn Park 3.
Harlequins 23, United Service (Portsmouth) 6.
London Scottish 13, Cambridge University 5.
Newport 9, Plymouth Albion 13.
Moseley 6, Bedford 5.
Leicester 19, Southampton 10.
Hospital Rugby.

London, Feb. 19.
In the second round of the Harlequins Rugby Cup, to-day, Charing Cross Hospital lost to King's Hospital by 3 points to 63.

HUNTSMEN COMPLAIN OF MOTORS.

They Provide Scouting
Difficulties.

REEK OF PETROL.

London, February 11.
Masters of Hounds in all parts of the country are protesting against the increasing practice of motorists attempting to follow hounds by driving round the roads. As well as ruining the pleasure of regular and properly mounted followers of hounds, scouting conditions become very difficult when the immediate countryside reeks with the perfumes of petrol and oil.

The Joint Masters of the Crawley and Horsham Hounds, Lt.-Col. R. W. McKergow and the Hon. C. G. Cubitt, are the latest to complain that sport is being interfered with owing to foxes being headed by the number of motor-cars following the Hunt round the roads.

"We must request," they say, "that this practice be discontinued," and then add:

"Grooms who are waiting to take their masters' horses home should be instructed to wait at the appointed place, and on no account follow hounds round the roads in their masters' cars."

"Second horsemen should keep together and follow along the lanes and roads and not ride across country in small parties, which, in addition to heading foxes, does unnecessary damage."

—Associated Press.

SCHNEIDER TROPHY COMMITTEE.

New Chairman Has Been
Elected.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

INWARD MAILS

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11.	
Japan, Shanghai & Europe via Siberia (London, Feb. 18)	Kaga Maru
Amoy and Swatow	Cromer
FRIDAY, MARCH 13.	
Europe via Suez (Letters and Papers, London, Feb. 12 and Parcels, Feb. 5)	Karmala
Australia and Manila	Tai Ping
U.S.A., Canada, Japan & Shanghai (Seattle, Feb. 21)	President Pierce
SUNDAY, MARCH 15.	
Shanghai and Amoy	Tijbadak
FRIDAY, MARCH 20.	
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver, B.C., Feb. 28)	Empress of Japan
SATURDAY, MARCH 21.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Feb. 20)	President Garfield
MONDAY, MARCH 23.	
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco, Feb. 27)	President Jackson

OUTWARD MAILS

TUESDAY, MARCH 10.	
Formosa	Akita Maru 3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Chokiang 3.30 p.m.
Samahai & Wuchow	Sanning 4 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Madison 4.30 p.m.
Saigon	Solviken 5 p.m.
Swatow	Kwai Sang 5 p.m.
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11.	
Sandakan	Mausang 10.30 a.m.
THURSDAY, MARCH 12.	
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Deli Maru 8.30 a.m.
Straits	Cromer 10.30 a.m.
Hoihow and Bangkok	Kwei Yang 12.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tai Yuan 3.30 p.m.
FRIDAY, MARCH 13.	
Straits and Calcutta	Sui Sang Mar. 13 9 a.m.
	Letters
	King Yuan 10.30 a.m.
	Haiyang 1 p.m.
	Khyber (Due Marseilles, Apr. 11.)
K.P.O. G.P.O.	
Parcels	Mar. 13, 4.30 p.m.
Registration	Mar. 14, 9 a.m.
Letters	10 a.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	
SATURDAY, MARCH 14.	
Japan and *Victoria, B.C.	Teucer 10 a.m.
	(Due Victoria, B.C., Apr. 7.)
SUNDAY, MARCH 15.	
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	Canton Maru 9 a.m.
MONDAY, MARCH 16.	
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America and *Europe via Victoria, B.C.	
	President Madison
	Due Victoria, B.C., Apr. 3.)
	Parcels
	Registration
	Letters
Shanghai and *Europe via Siberia	President Madison
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	Letters
Amoy	Kut Sang 5 p.m.
TUESDAY, MARCH 17.	
Manila and Sourabaya	Tijbadak 9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Fochow	Halching 1 p.m.
Saigon, *Straits, *Ceylon, *India, *Mauritius, *E. & S. Africa, *Egypt and *Europe via Marseilles	
	Athos (Due Marseilles, Apr. 17.)
K.P.O. G.P.O.	
Registration	Mar. 17, 1 p.m.
Letters	1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	
	Antenor (Due Marseilles April 15)
K.P.O. G.P.O.	
Registration	4.30 p.m.
Letters	4.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America and *Europe via Vancouver, B.C.	
	Empress of Russia (Due Vancouver, B.C., Apr. 4 and *Europe via Siberia.)
	Parcels
	Registration
	Letters
Swatow	Wai Shing 5 p.m.
FRIDAY, MARCH 20.	
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	
	Suwa Maru (Due Marseilles, Apr. 19.)
K.P.O. G.P.O.	
Registration	Mar. 20, 4.30 p.m.
Letters	4.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia & New Zealand via Thursday Island	
	Tai Ping (Due Thursday Island March 30)
	Parcels
	Registration
	Letters
SATURDAY, MARCH 21.	
Manila	Emp. of Japan 3.30 p.m.

*Superscribed correspondence only.

AMERICA'S GROWING PAINS.

Mr. Mahony's Rotary Address.

TRADE SLUMP.

An address in which he touched on the present slump and sounded a note of confidence for the future was delivered by Mr. Paul H. Mahony, vice-president of the International B. F. Goodrich Corporation, to Singapore Rotarians at Raffles Hotel.

Mr. S. Q. Wong presided and at the opening of the meeting, a new member was introduced in H.E. Major-General L. C. L. Oldfield, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., the G.O.C. Troops, Malaya. Mr. R. J. Farrer, the retiring President of the Municipal Commissioners was elected an honorary member of the club.

Mr. Mahony began his address by paying a tribute to Rotary, saying that it was his conviction that the ideal of Rotary, "Service before Self," was being practised more in commerce to-day. Business men had learned by experience that a reputation of confidence in the eyes of the public and fair dealing was an asset that would maintain their business more than what was termed as "sharp dealing."

"Any movement that had for its ideal such a high aim as 'Service before Self,' particularly in the presence of so many different nationalities as were gathered there, doing more than all the diplomats in promoting peace and understanding between nations. All the high-sounding phrases of diplomats did not achieve half so much as the meeting on common ground of members of the same club and of different nationalities, who expressed and felt confidence in each other."

Singapore's Progress.

Touching on his travels around the world, Mr. Mahony, said that he had last visited Singapore four years ago and noted its progress since then. It was the same all over the world, development pushing ahead all the time. Instancing this development, he said that in various countries he had visited he had heard men say rather pathetically that they wished they had put a bit of money in this or that land. That land a few years back might only have been a stretch of swamp.

To-day it was very difficult for a business man to sit in his office and base his commercial opinions of foreign trade on a visit paid to a country three or four years ago. Development was forcing people to keep more up to date, for no country stood still.

He said that he had been asked by many people about America, and he was going to say that there was nothing wrong with America. She was perhaps suffering from growing pains and indigestion, but they would pass. To-day the world was suffering from a trade slump, which was an indirect result of the War. Nations had built up production somewhat in excess of the world's needs—all commodities were close to or below production costs—with the result of a slowing up in the production of wealth. People had gone from an orgy of optimism to a hysteria of fear.

Limit to Economy.

People were economising in all sorts of ways, but there was a limit to that economy. One might postpone repairs and replacements this year and leave them until the next; in the case of the former they would have to foot a bigger bill. There was a definite time when those replacements would have to be made. In the case of motor-car tyres, that period was not far off.

Mr. Mahony concluded his remarks with a humorous story of a Briton, a German, an Italian, a Frenchman and an American who went on an elephant hunt in Africa. Afterwards they each agreed to write a book of their experiences. When the books were published, all the titles were different and expressed something of their national characteristics. The Briton called his book "Hunting Elephants," the Italian's title was "Song of the Elephant;" the

Frenchman entitled his "Les Amours des Elephants" and the American called his "Bigger and Better Elephants." (Laughter.)

In proposing a vote of thanks, Mr. J. I. Miller, Acting Registrar-General of Statistics, S.S. and F.M.S., said they were interested to hear Mr. Mahony's remarks, because America was the best customer for Malaya's goods. The fact that the speaker seemed to wear the position lightly showed there was not very much wrong with the tyre industry. It was interesting to hear the manufacturers' side of the rubber question, because producers and manufacturers could not be separated and the weakness of previous restriction schemes was that no consideration was shown to the manufacturer.

WORLD TRADE.

RATIONALISATION BLAMED FOR LOWER PRICES.

The United States Department of Commerce, in its annual book on world trade, dealing with 102 leading countries, reports that increases in international trade 1929 disappeared altogether towards the end of that year, while commerce over national boundaries in some of the most important countries dropped 20 per cent. in 1930 compared with 1929. The total world trade in 1929 is stated to be approximately \$38,400,000,000 (\$13,680,000,000), an increase of 1.6 per cent. over 1928, with a larger volume due to lower average prices.

The "rationalisation" of farms and factories (use of machines to replace hand labour) is indicated by the exports of machinery, and this is believed to be one of the causes of lower prices, which reduced the purchasing power of the producing countries.

HELM ORDERS.

DANISH SHIPMASTERS' EXPERIENCE.

In view of the controversy aroused in Great Britain by the proposed change in helm orders, it is of interest to put on record the opinion of Danish shipmasters with regard to the change-over in that country from the indirect (or British) to the direct system, says the Journal of Commerce. This change took place on January 1, 1930, and the Danish Shipmasters' Association issued a circular of inquiry to its members regarding their experience of the working of the new system in their ships.

The opposition in Denmark had been very strong indeed, especially among active ship officers, prior to the change taking place, and it is surely not a mere coincidence that the arguments advanced against the proposed change were almost identical with those employed by British opponents of the direct command.

The answers received by the Danish Shipmasters' Association from its members were published during the latter part of the year in its monthly magazine, and from them it can be seen how completely the Danish masters have been won over to the new system after a comparatively short time. They all agree on the following points:—

1. All fears of mix-ups and misunderstandings as a result of the reform have proved to be completely unfounded.
2. It often happened under the old system that young sailors with short sea experience showed hesitation before carrying out an order, but nobody ever hesitates now.
3. The majority of the answers also express the hope that the direct command will become international.

Only a limited number of masters—in fact, only two or three—have found any disadvantages in the working of the new system, and these disadvantages have without exception, resulted from British pilots giving orders in the indirect sense which the helmsman have taken to be in the direct sense. In no case, however, have they resulted in a mishap.

EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London	11%
Bank, wire	11%
Bank, on demand	11%
Bank, 4 months' sight	11 11/16
Credits, 4 months' sight	1/— 5/16
Documentary, 4 months' sight	1/— 7/16
On demand	600
Credits, 4 months' sight	640
On New York	23 1/2
On demand	24 1/2
Credits, 60 days' sight	24 1/2
On Bombay	65
On Calcutta	65
On Singapore	65
On demand	41 1/2
On Manila	47
On demand	47
On Shanghai	47
On demand	Tls. 76 1/2
Dollar	4% dis.
On Yokohama	47 1/2
Sovereigns (Bank's buying rate)	1/— 1/4
Silver (per oz.)	13 1/2
Bar Silver in Hong Kong	Nominal
Copper Cash	Nominal
Copper Cents	3% prem.
Rate of Native Interest	3 1/2% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin	23% dis.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin Par	

LONDON EXCHANGES

Rugby, Yesterday.	
Paris	124.07 1/2
New York	4.35 25/82
Brussels	34.85
Geneva	25.24 1/2
Amsterdam	12.11 1/2
Milan	92.72 1/2
Berlin	20.41 1/2
Stockholm	18.14 1/2
Copenhagen	18.16 1/2
Oslo	18.16
Vienna	84.56 1/2
Prague	164
Helsingfors	198
Madrid	44.70
Lisbon	108.25
Athens	375
Bucharest	217
Rio	37
Buenos Aires	37
Montevideo	36
Bombay	1/5 13/16
Shanghai	1/2 3/4
Hong Kong	1 1/4
Yokohama	2/— 5/16
Silver Spot	13 1/2
Silver Forward	13 5/16

—British Wireless Service

A WEEK'S DISEASES.

FATAL CASES OF SMALL-POX AND ENTERIC.

The official return of diseases and deaths during the week ended March 7 is as follows:—

Cases	Deaths
Small-pox	2
Enteric fever	6
Tuberculosis	55

Summary to March 7. The returns from January 1 to March 7 give the following figures:—

Cases	Deaths
Typhoid	42
Small-pox	6
Scarlet fever	2
Diphtheria	30
Cerebro-spinal fever	2
Puerperal fever	2
Tuberculosis	451

Twelve of the typhoid cases were non-Chinese, as were two scarlet fever cases, one small-pox case, and ten diphtheria cases. Ten cases of typhoid fever were notified yesterday—one Chinese and one non-Chinese.

KAILAN MINES.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ended February 21, 1931, amounted to nil, and the sales to 54,417 tons.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Opening Daily Official Quotations 10th March, 1931.

STOCK	Buy- ers	Sell- ers	Sales	Non.	Fin. year	Last dividend and when paid	
Banks.							
Hong Kong Bank	...	2050	2040	2050	Dec.	{Final 23 baht 41 sat 1000 sat 1/11 - 473.14 } Interim 7/- free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	Mar. 2, 31
Chartered Bank	...	...	...	174	Dec.	{Final 20/- free 1/11 Tax sat 1000 } Interim 24/- sat 1000	Sep. — 31
Mercantile Bk., Ltd.	...	...	...	95	Dec.	{Final 20/- free 1/11 Tax sat 1000 } Interim 24/- sat 1000	Sep. — 31
Bank of Asia	1104	...	...	...	Dec.	84 for 1930	Feb. 23, 31
Insurance.							
Canton Ins.	1915	...	...	...	Dec.	{Final 27 for 1930 } Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	May 15, 30
Union Ins.	...	825	...	...	Dec.	{Final 20/- free 1/11 Tax sat 1000 } Interim 24/- sat 1000	May 30, 30
*China Underwriters	3.65	3.60	...	...	Dec.	None	...
China Fire Ins.	535	...	...	...	Dec.	{Final 20 baht 41 sat 1000 } Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	May 30, 30
H. K. Fire Ins.	...	...	1800	...	Dec.	84 for 1930	Mar. 23, 31
Shipping.							
Douglases	...	35	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1930	...
H. K. Steamships	...	...	36 1/2	...	Dec.	{Final 27 for 1930 } Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	Mar. 4, 30
Indo-China (Pref.)	...	...	40	...	Dec.	{Final 27 for 1930 } Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	June 12, 29
(Def.)	...	...	30	...	Dec.	{Final 27 for 1930 } Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	Jan. 6, 31
Shell Transport	...	...	39 1/2	...	Dec.	{Final 27 for 1930 } Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	Jan. 6, 31
Union Waterboats	...	...	37	...	Dec.	84 for 1930	Pending
Mining.							
Benguet	...	...	10 1/2	...	Dec.	{Final 40 baht 41 sat 1000 } Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	Dec. 30, 30
Kailan Mining Ad. s/	...	...	36 1/2	...	June	{Final 27 for 1930 } Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	Dec. 30, 30
Langkat	...	...	8 1/2	...	Oct.	{Final 27 for 1930 } Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	May 8, 30
S'hai Exploration	1.95	...	...	...	Dec.	{Final 27 for 1930 } Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	...
Loans	...	...	...	...	Dec.	{Final 27 for 1930 } Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	...
*Rauco	40 1/2	...	...	...	Mar.	{Final 27 for 1930 } Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	Feb. 6, 31
Venezuela Gold Fields	3.60	...	...	...	...	...	Mar. 16, 31
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.							
H. K. & W. Docks	...	178	...	...	Dec.	84 for 1930	Pending
H. K. & W. Docks	30 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1930	...
South Ch. Docks	...	...	10	...	...	...	...
*China Docks (old)	5.35	...	...	...	Dec.	Last dividend for 1930	...
(new)	2.40	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	Sep. 12, 30
Hongkew	274	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	Mar. 4, 31
N. Engineering	5 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	July 30, 30
Shanghai Docks	110	...	...	...	Apr.	Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	...
Lands, Hotels & Buildings.							
*H. K. & S. Hotels	18	18.10	18	...	Dec.	84 cents for 1930	Pending
H.K. Lands	40 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	{Final 27 for 1930 } Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	Feb. 10, 31
Shanghai Lands	...	...	41 1/2	...	Dec.	{Final 27 for 1930 } Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	Pending
Humphreys (Cum Rts.)	...	...	16.85	...	Dec.	{Final 27 for 1930 } Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	Feb. 10, 31
*Rights	...	...	...	...	Dec.	84 cents for 1930	Feb. 10, 31
H. K. Realities	9.80	...	9.50	...	Dec.	Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	Sep. 4, 30
Chinese Estates	...	...	37	...	Dec.	84 for 1930	July 21, 30
Cotton Mills.							
*Ewo Cotton	14 1/2	...	15.10	...	Dec.	T. 0.75 for 1930 payable	Mar. 12, 31
Shanghai Cotton	...	...	106	...	Apr. and Oct.	T. 3.25 for half year 31-10-30	Nov. 30, 30
Zoong Sang	...	...	18.10	...	June	T. 0.50 for year 31-6-30	Oct. 11, 30
Public Utilities.							
*H. K. Tramways	17.90	...	18	...	Dec.	{Final 27 for 1930 } Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	Feb. 27, 31
Peak Tram (old)	14 1/2	...	...	...	Apr.	{Final 27 for 1930 } Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	June 10, 30
(new)	...	6 1/2	...	...	Apr.	{Final 27 for 1930 } Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	June 10, 30
Star Ferry	88	...	...	...	Dec.	84 for 1930	Feb. 13, 31
*China Light	25.80	...	...	...	Dec.	Final 50 cts. a/c for year 30-6-30	Nov. 15, 30
H. K. Electric	...	...	80 1/2	...	Dec.	82.50 for 1930	Pending
Macao	...	...	28	...	Dec.	84 for 1930	Pending
Sandakan Lights	...	...	12	...	June	None	...
H.K. Tel. fully paid	42	...	...	...	Dec.	{Final 27 for 1930 } Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	Pending
part paid	29 1/2	...	...	...	Dec.	{Final 27 for 1930 } Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	Pending
China Buses	...	...	19	...	Dec.	T. 0.50 for 1930	Feb. 25, 30
S'pore Traction (Ord.)	...	6 1/2	...	...	Sept.	{Final 27 for 1930 } Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	Feb. 6, 31
(Pref.)	...	19 1/2	...	...	Sept.	{Final 27 for 1930 } Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	Feb. 6, 31
Industrials.							
China Sugars	...	...	30 1/2	...	...	In liquidation.	...
Malayan Sugars	...	...	98	...	Dec.	T. 3 for 1930	Apr. 11, 29
Cald. Macg. Ord.	...	...	12 1/2	...	Dec.	{Final 27 for 1930 } Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	Apr. 20, 30
(T. & O.)	...	...	11 1/2	...	Dec.	{Final 27 for 1930 } Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	Apr. 20, 30
Canton Ice	...	8.80	...	...	July	None	...
*Cements (com.)	118.80	...	...	...	Dec.	{Final 27 for 1930 } Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	Pending
(old)	112	...	...	...	Dec.	{Final 27 for 1930 } Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	Pending
(new)	...	5.20	...	...	Dec.	{Final 27 for 1930 } Interim 1/11 free 1/11 Tax sat 1000	Pending
H. K. Ropes	...	...	14.20	...	Dec.	75 cents for 1930	Pending
Stores, &c.							
Dairy Farm (old)	...	...	20.10	...	Dec.	84 for 1930	Pending
(new)	...	...	24 1/2	...	Dec.	84 for 1930	Pending
Watsons	13.85	...	...	...	Oct.	75 cents for year 31-3-31	Pending
Dr A Wings	...	...	1	...	...	...	...
Lanc Crawford	3.85	...	...	...	Feb.	Last dividend for year 25-2-21	...
Macdonalds	...	...	30	...	Feb.	84 for year 25-2-21	May 15, 30
Sinoceres	...	...	18 1/2	...	...	...	...
Wm. Powell	...	...	2.65	...	Feb.	25 cents for year 25-2-21	June 10, 29
Miscellaneous.							
H.K. Amusement (R.R.)	...	...	21	...	Mar.	82.50 for year 31-6-30	Sept. 27, 30
(new)	...	10	...	...	Mar.	82.50 for year 31-6-30	Sept. 27, 30
Ch. Entertainment	16 1/2	...	...	...	...	...	...
H. K. Construction	3.85	...	5.40	...	Dec.	None	...
B. Ind. O/S Bonds	58%	...	...	...	...	...	...
H. K. Govt. Loans	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Speculative shares. *Sales to Shanghai.							

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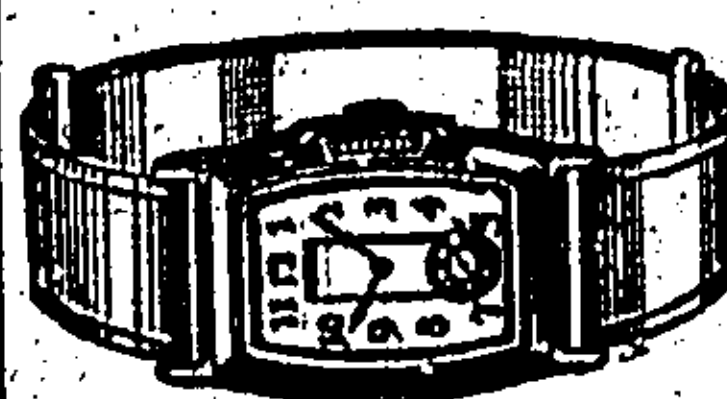
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WHAT IS HAPPENING
IN CHINA."A People Struggling
for Full Life."

ADDRESS BY DR. T. Z. KOO.

An analogy between the Israelites of Pharaoh's day and the Chinese was drawn by Dr. T. Z. Koo in an address to the International Fellowship Association at the Y.W.C.A., Singapore, recently. The subject of Dr. Koo's address was "The Making of a Constitution."

He likened China's present position to the 40 years' wandering in the wilderness which the Israelites suffered before reaching the Promised Land.

Dr. Koo said not so many years ago he had raised a storm about his head because he had organised a musical clique in which young men and young girls took part. It was such a storm that his father arrived from his native village to add his protest.

One of the best illustrations of the fact that the Nanking Government was being recognised by the provinces as the central authority was in connection with the edict abolishing likin. Likin had been "abolished" before, but with what effect they all knew. This time the edict was accepted by all the provinces. That was a tacit acceptance of the authority of the Nanking Government.

A fact regarding China which outside observers were not to lose sight of was that fundamental changes remained in spite of change of Government. That was because those fundamental changes were the result of the labours of those who were seeking China's social regeneration.

Political Unification. One of their first tasks had been to aim at securing political unification. The first step on this road was the rise of the Nanking Government. This was followed by wars, wars which, unlike those occurring previously, were being fought on an issue. Whereas all the other wars that had come after the revolution had been staged for aggrandisement, those that came after the rise of the Nanking Government were upon the issue of whether or not it was to be recognised and accepted by the provincial governors; whether central authority or local authority was to reign.

That the Nanking Government had been successful was shown by provincial obedience to its central authority, particularly in financial matters, as in the case of the abolition of likin, a thing which could not have happened a few years ago.

The central government was gradually extending its sway over the provinces. That was the first step on the road to political unification; the fighting had been a necessary evil in its accomplishment.

The next step would be the establishment of a political constitution, in the present absence of which in China the only way to settle a political dispute was recourse to arms; there was no constitution to which an appeal could be made.

Another task that confronted China's social reformers was the training of the Chinese to exercise their political rights. That was being worked for now, and the fact that the world was not aware of all the constructive work that was being done was that the Press looked only for sensational news in China, and it found only that for which it looked.

Roads and Railways. Another great task that confronted China's social reformers was the material reorganisation of that vast country. At present electricity was unknown except in a few cities. When one thought of the labour that would be engaged in giving to China that one item of every day necessity in the western world, in the providing of a network of roads, railways and airways, one realised the prosperity ahead for the Chinese.

What China was really impeded by was its currency. The western world had the material it required, but could not buy. Dr. Koo said that in a successful solution of the unemployment problem in the west, "Think of the material we should be able to buy from you."

Dr. Koo referred to the "unequal treaties" question. He said he would try to present to his hearers the Chinese psychology on that in the present state of affairs, in question. It was this: "When we send goods to you, you put your taxes on them. The goods you send to us are also taxed. But those taxes are fixed, not by us, but by you in consort with other Powers. We look upon it as being a case of 'Heads I win, tails you lose'."

But not even the abolition of unequal treaties would make for unity if China, and the nations which were going to treat each other on an equal basis, "Communism appeals to with intolerance. There must be empty stomachs."

H.K. CONGRATS!

FINE SINGAPORE-CALIFORNIA
COMMUNICATION.

A GREAT SUCCESS.

Singapore, Feb. 14.

On Monday last VSIAB put through a little stunt with great success. Having had quite a number of good reports of reception of VSIAB's telephony in California it was arranged with a well-known experimenter, Colonel Foster of Carmel, California, to listen for VSIAB at 10.15 p.m. By good luck, morse interference was slighter and excellent reception at good strength and quality was reported by Colonel Foster up to the time of signing off at 11 p.m. A request for proof brought back a word perfect of VSIAB's speeches besides answers to a number of questions. Colonel Foster replied in morse.

The following evening the same was tried with equal success in the beginning but later reception at the other end became impossible owing to morse interference.

VSIAB has already received messages of congratulations from Hong Kong where the test was followed with interest by the amateurs. To-morrow night VSIAB will be testing on 21 metres.

Sarawak Listener's Views.

A correspondent from Kuching writes as follows: Last Friday from 8.30 to 9 p.m. Sarawak time, I got Chelmsford at weak L.S. strength. Final announcement very plain. Next morning I hoped to get the dance music at 7 a.m. but I could only just hear occasionally that he was there at all. My set is an Eddystone All Wave Four.

I had a postcard acknowledgment from Radio Manila this mail dated January 27 which stated they were broadcasting on short waves still as well as the new 485 metres. This I think is incorrect. It got them on 485 but of course static makes it impossible. On short waves they seem to have closed down entirely. It is their business entirely but it is rather a pity as Manila was usually an interesting programme. They are the only station out east that have cut out short waves and thus deprived listeners in other countries from getting their programmes. Couldn't you suggest in your columns that the local firm that is so advertising American sets might sell more if the Americans would give us something to listen to.

P.C.J.'s Good Concert.

Saigon has been very entertaining during the week but some listeners seem to think that the earlier part of the programmes are not being received with the same old strength.

On Thursday night P.C.J. came on at good strength and except for slight fading towards the end of the programme, was received well. The programme was typical of the very varied and well chosen items that this station always gives us. The records included selections from the Love Parade and Sunny Side Up. Aerial B was being used. Listeners report excellent reception of the new Vatican Station on Thursday night.—Singapore Free Press.

tolerance, if the present state of international relationship was to be bettered.

Transition Period.

"It will help you to understand the whole situation," proceeded Dr. Koo, "if you think of what sort of a people are behind all these changes and developments. The situation in China is analogous to that of the Israelites. The call came to us, and we left our Egypt. We are still going forward to our heritage. We are at the present time wandering in our wilderness. We are still in the passage from the old to the new."

"Think of us," concluded Dr. Koo, not as engaged in an economic, or political or international revolution, but first and last as a people with the same feelings and aspirations as you, struggling for the fuller life which we want, and then you will have an understanding of some of the happenings in China."

Answering questions, Dr. Koo said the attacks on missionaries might be explained first by the fact that even Chinese would be unsafe, in the present state of affairs, in the out-of-the-way places in which such atrocities occurred; also the wave of Socialism in China was largely anti-Christian.

The Chinese, farmer, the backbone of the Chinese nation, was too fond of his land, Dr. Koo thought, for the Communist menace to make an effective headway. He thought the material reconstruction of China would be the best weapon with which to fight the Communist. "Communism appeals to with intolerance. There must be empty stomachs."

ROUND THE CINEMAS

ACTOR'S ATHLETIC SKILL IN
"ROUGH ROMANCE."

GEORGE O'BRIEN.

George O'Brien, film star and athletic extraordinary, has opportunity to demonstrate his physical prowess in "Rough Romance," Fox Movietone outdoors drama now playing in the Queen's Theatre.

This time O'Brien, who in the past has been both sailor and cow-puncher, portrays the role of a dashing young lumberjack, climbing trees and lopping off branches with the skill of an expert!

Miss Helen Chandler, famous for her portrayal of the heroine in "The Sky Hawk," plays opposite O'Brien in "Rough Romance," a story of romance and adventure in the snowlands and lumber camps of the North.

Antonio Moreno as a "heavy" and Noel Francis as a dance hall entertainer are also featured in the picture, which was directed by A. F. Erickson.

The greater part of "Rough Romance" was filmed in the beautiful Cascade Mountains of Washington.

"WHY BRING THAT UP?"

The Alumni Association of the College of Burlesque is long and filled with celebrities.

One of the most famous of these graduates is Charles Mack, class of about '12, who, with George Moran, forms the famous team of Moran and Mack, the Two Black Crows. Resting on the set where the comedians made their first film comedy, "Why Bring That Up?" the talking feature in the Central Theatre, Mack told why he believes in his alma mater.

"Players in burlesque develop more rapidly than in other lines because burlesque producers permit the comedians wider latitude," he says.

"Producers of the big shows when they want a new personality seek someone in burlesque who is creating new things and building himself a name. He often permits the comedian he picks to work his idea out elaborately and it becomes one of the theatrical sensations."

Moran and Mack, the Two Black Crows, were allowed to inject so much of their personality into the filming of "Why Bring That Up?" that the feature is just as laughable and likeable as their records and radio appearances. It is a typical "Two Black Crows" hit.

"SO THIS IS LONDON."

One of the many hilarious scenes in the Movietone comedy, "So This Is London," starring Will Rogers, which will be screened in the Queen's Theatre, to-morrow, is the scene in the Passport Office where Will, with his screen wife, Irene Rich, and his screen son, Frank Alerton, go through the formality of answering all questions required by the office.

Will gets along fairly well until the official demands proof of his birth.

"Say," yells Will, "down where I come from when we meet a fellow we kinda take it for granted that he's been born."

With that out of the way the official demands witnesses to his birth and Will flares back:

"Well, you see my folks were plain sort of people and mother wasn't the kind to make a public ceremony over a birth. There wasn't nobody around at the time but mother and me and the doctor."

"So This Is London" is based on the stage success written by Arthur Goodrich and produced by George M. Cohan.

The dialogue of the audible version is by Owen Davis, sen. Irene Rich heads the supporting cast and John G. Blystone directed the production.

STANDARD TIMES.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN
COLONY.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for March 1931, Standard time of the 120th Meridian East of Greenwich) are as follows:—

Date	Sunrise a.m.	Sunset p.m.
10	6.38	6.30
11	6.37	6.31
12	6.36	6.31
13	6.35	6.32
14	6.34	6.32
15	6.33	6.33
16	6.33	6.33
17	6.32	6.33
18	6.31	6.33
19	6.30	6.34
20	6.28	6.34
21	6.27	6.34
22	6.26	6.35
23	6.25	6.36
24	6.25	6.36
25	6.24	6.36
26	6.23	6.36
27	6.22	6.37
28	6.21	6.37
29	6.20	6.37
30	6.19	6.38
31	6.18	6.38

MAKING A CITY
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The miracle of Strasbourg—the transformation of a German city into one typically and predominantly French—has been practically accomplished within the comparatively few years since the world war.

The change could not be made in less than a generation. It was affirmed by some when this historic city was restored to France after the war. But it has been done; and there are mighty few loose ends left hanging out.

Several years after the war, the city was as German as ever. Waiters at the hotels and restaurants spoke French conspicuously when a guest entered the establishment. But they quickly inquired, "Verstehen Sie Deutsch?" and if they received an affirmative answer, they were pleased, and the guest received far better service.

At that time they said that Strasbourg would not be French before another generation; but they were mistaken.

To-day one finds it as typically French as the Parisian boulevards.

The Official Language.

All the shop signs are in the French language, and so are the advertisements on the tramcars and buses and the menus at the restaurants and hotels. The visitor hardly hears a word of German unless he announces that he understands that language and cannot understand French. German has become a concession or courtesy to visitors; French is the official and almost the universal language. It is considered not so "polite" to speak in German.

The heaven has worked. Often it is a slow process; but there has been speedy accomplishment at Strasbourg. It seems that all that remains untouched of this typical old German city is its cathedral and its manufacture of "pato de foles gras."

FALLING IN LOVE.

Professor Ernest Baker, Professor of Political Science at the University of Cambridge, and President of the Salt Schools, Shirley, addressed the pupils of the Salt Girls' High School at their prize distribution at Saltaire.

"Falling in love," he said, "is a very casual way of managing a very serious business. I often think that life would run much easier if marriages were properly organised, and I wonder what could be done by examination. (Laughter.) I have just thought of a system under which boys and girls could go in for an examination. I do not know exactly what would be the subject. (Laughter.) I should never marry a boy who got 80 per cent. to the girl who got 80 per cent.—they would be far too clever for each other. I would marry the boy who got 80 per cent. to the girl who got 40 per cent., and she would manage him. (Laughter.)"

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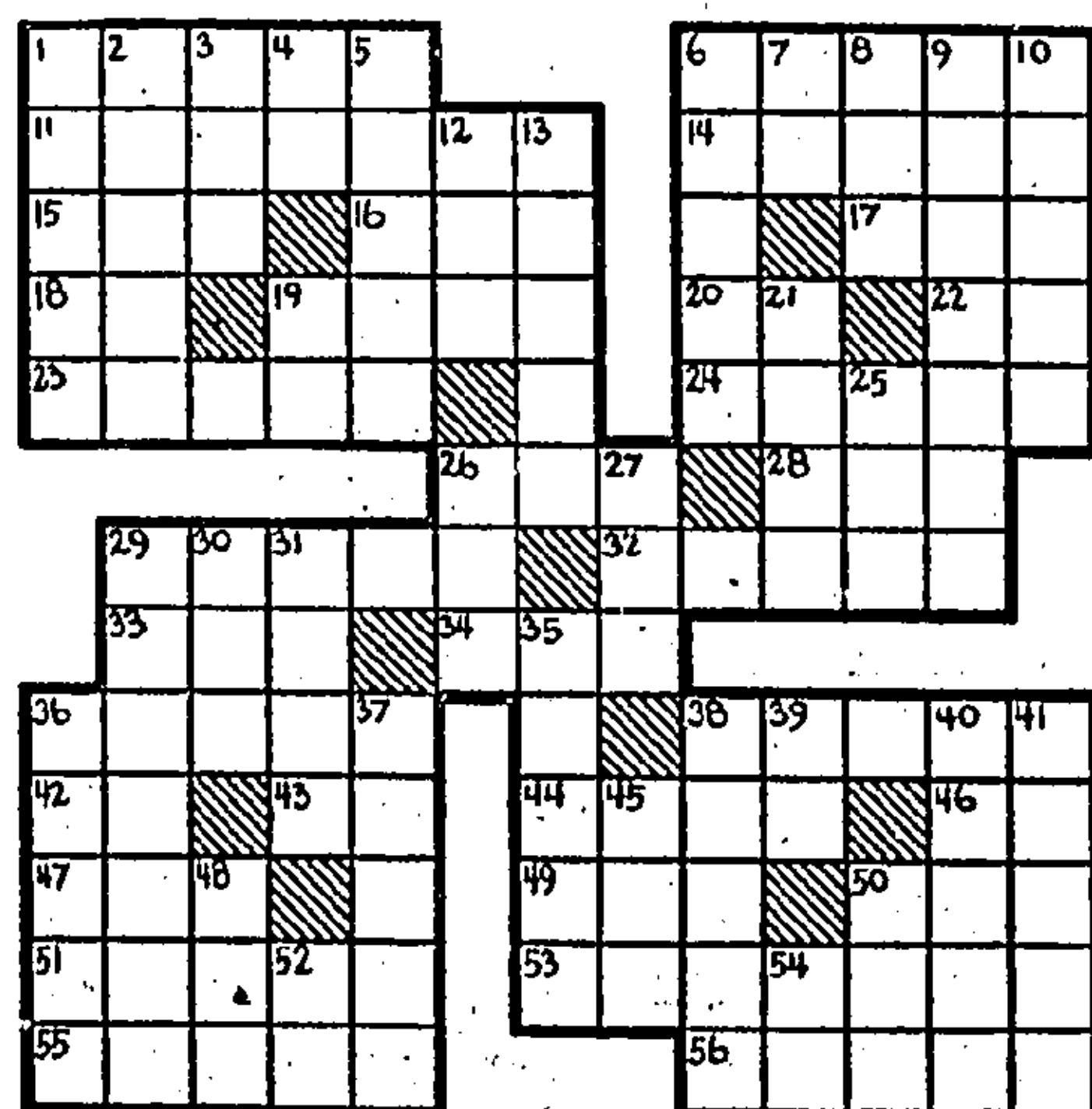
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but
our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic
spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



- HORIZONTAL**
- 1-Parting to the sea's pole
 - 6-A country of Asia
 - 11-An island west of England
 - 14-Performing
 - 15-Man's name (short)
 - 16-Great snake
 - 17-Urge on
 - 18-Factor for tantulum
 - 19-A flying animal
 - 20-Pre- form of ad
 - 22-Suited note
 - 23-Annexed
 - 24-A justice of the U. S. Supreme Court
 - 25-A cleansing agent
 - 26-Rodent
 - 28-Pity sentence giving a guiding principle
 - 32-Short comedy
 - 33-Possessive pronoun
 - 34-A flying mammal
 - 35-Frank or caper
 - 36-Not large
 - 40-Exalted
 - 42-Father
 - 44-A seedling fruit
- HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**
- 45-N. Cen. State
 - 47-Pen for pigs
 - 49-Time-period
 - 50-Pale
 - 51-Is in want of
 - 53-To extend opposite to, as the chord of an arc
 - 55-Muse of lyric poetry
 - 56-Plural of act
- VERTICAL**
- 1-One of Columbus's ships
 - 2-Mountain nymph
 - 3-Went in front of
 - 4-Suffice, pertaining to
 - 5-Mad
 - 6-Perfect
 - 7-Negative
 - 8-To pass away
 - 9-One who is ungrateful
 - 10-Mound of earthwork
 - 12-Rom. Antic.
 - 13-Father
 - 14-Other
- VERTICAL (Cont.)**
- 19-To have existence
 - 21-Young salmon before first joining ocean
 - 25-Prefix of many Scottish names
 - 26-A stroke in tennis
 - 27-A lizard
 - 29-Greatly malformed being
 - 30-On the outside
 - 31-To stumble and fall
 - 33-S. American mountain range
 - 36-A river in France
 - 37-A cape in Nova Scotia
 - 38-Pierces
 - 39-Personal pronoun
 - 40-Climbing plant of tropical forest
 - 41-Sandy region in S. W. France
 - 43-S. W. France
 - 44-Island group, S. W. of New Guinea
 - 45-Yes
 - 46-Soaked with water
 - 48-Delirious threnema (saber)
 - 49-Symbol for tellurium

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in tomorrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

RADIO TOPICS

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 855 metres:-

5-8 p.m.—European Programme of H.M.V. and Victor Records kindly supplied by Messrs. S. Moutrie & Co.

5-5.20 p.m.—Children's Programme.
Orchestral—
In a Clock Store
(by Special Request).
New Light Symphony Orch.
(1930).

Songs—
The Friend,
Us Two,
Down by the Pond,
The Engineer,
Master Christopher Robin
(2380).

Songs—
Buckingham Palace,
The Three Foxes,
Politicians,
Market Square,
George Baker, Baritone
(2221).

Songs—
The Christening,
Browning,
Lines & Squares,
Veepers... George Baker, Baritone
(2222).

5.20-5.56 p.m.—Variety.
Orchestral—
Selections from "Good News".
Victor Arden—Phil Ohman
& Their Orchestra
(35918).

Humorous Song—
Thoughts of You,
Grace Fields (3170).

Song—
A Room with a View,
Noel Coward, Baritone (2719).

Dialogue—
An Old Flame,
John Henry and Gladys
Horridge (3278).

Organ Solo—
The King's Horses,
Reginald Foot (3552).

Song—
High & Low
(from Here Comes the Bride),
Sylvia Cecil, Soprano (3500).

Humorous Song—
It's Unanimous Now,
Chick Endor (22151).

Chorus—
Little Cotton Dolly,
The Revellers (22499).

5.56-6.10 p.m.—Instrumental
Trios.
Mirage (Coates),
Zingari (Leoncavallo),
De Groot (Violin), David
Bor (Piano), H. M. Calve
(Cello) (3028).

Londonderry Air (arr. Coleman),
Le Cygne (Saint-Saens),
De Groot (Violin), David
Bor (Piano), H. M. Calve
(Cello) (2943).

6.10-6.36 p.m.—Operatic.
Martha—Selections (Plotow),
The Regimental Band of
H.M. Coldstream Guards
(1453).

Tannhauser March (Wagner),
The Regimental Band of
H.M. Coldstream Guards
(1743).

Romeo & Juliette—Prologue
(Gounod),
Sampson & Delilah—Dawn That Heralds
the Day (Saint-Saens),
Metropolitan Opera Chorus
(4152).

Aida—Introduction & Moorish Ballad
(Verdi)... Creator's Band (1939).
6.36-7.25 p.m.—A Concert.
7 p.m.—Stock Quotations.

Piano Solo—
The Wind in the Plain (Debussy),
Minstrels (Debussy),
Ignace Jan Paderewski
(1499).

Song—
Orpheus With His Lute (Sullivan),
The Wren (Benedict),
Mavis Bennet, Soprano (2762).

Song—
I Pitch My Lonely Caravan
(Coates),
Where my Caravan Has Rested
(Lohr),
Walter Glynn, Tenor (3412).

Violin Solo—
Rondino (Kreisler),
Fair Rosemary (Kreisler),
Fritz Kreisler (1380).

Song—
Flower of the Desert (Lohr),
Percy Hemmings, Baritone
(2763).

Violin Solo—
In a Japanese Garden (Higgs),
Reginald Foot (3107).

Pianoforte Solo—
The Prophet Bird (Schumann),
By the Brookside (Stojowski),
Ignace Jan Paderewski
(1428).

Song—
Trees (Rasbach),
John Brownlee, Baritone
(442).

7.25-8 p.m.—Orchestral.
The Three Corners Hat Suite
(De Falla),
New Light Symphony Orch.
(2721-22).

Waldteufel Memories (arr. Finck),
De Groot & His Orchestra
(3084).

Passion Rose (Lehar),
Midnight Bells (Herberger),
Victor Novelly Orchestra
(2220).

To a Wild Rose (MacDowell-Stock),
To a Water Lily (MacDowell-Stock),
Chicago Symphony Orchestra
(1152).

8-11.30 p.m.—Ko Shing Theatre
Relay.
9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local
Time, etc.
11.30 p.m.—Close Down.

MONTHLY REPORT.

Actual hours of transmission in
February totalled 240 of which
140½ were devoted to European
programmes and 99½ to Chinese
programmes, as follows:-

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sions including
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and Church Relays
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sions

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New licences issued during
February were 48.

ELECTRICITY.

LECTURE TO WIRELESS
SOCIETY.

Mr. R. E. Earle, of the Singapore
Harbour Board, gave the following
lecture at the Wireless Society re-
cently in the form of a dialogue
which proved both amusing and in-
structive.

The lecturer opened with "Why
do you need all these different
metres to measure one thing, Elec-
tricity?" "Because," said the ex-
pert, "we meet with electricity in
so many forms, in which it behaves
quite differently. "But isn't all
electricity the same?" "Yes," says
the expert "we believe all electricity
to be movement of electrons but it
is far more convenient for even the
expert to consider the various forms
as entirely different kinds of poten-
tial and current, thus we know of
direct current as the stuff we store
in our car battery and take from
the dry batteries in torches or wire-
less H. T. batteries. Then we have
the 50 cycle alternating current in
our houses which will work through
a transformer in our battery
eliminator and which will not drive
our old D.C. fans, than we have the
speech frequencies which work our
house and wireless telephones which
current changes direction of flow
200 to 5,000 times a second, then
the radio frequencies which will
radiate through space" and which
change direction from 100,000 to 60
million times per second. "Yes,"
says the man in the street, "but
why does this changing of direction
make so much difference if it is all
the same electricity?" "One of the
biggest reasons," says the expert, "is
bound up in the effect of frequency
on the flow of currents meeting
with induction and capacity.

The lecturer then gave a short
but lucid explanation of inductance
and capacity, how they are met with
in wireless sets, and their effect on
alternating currents.

Then followed a simple descrip-
tion of the various forms of elec-
trical indicating metres in common
use, their functions and limitations
including moving coil, moving iron,
hot wire, Thermo couple and
electrostatic instruments.

Following this a plan of a simple
wireless receiver was drawn on the
blackboard and the various tests
that could be made with simple and
cheap meters were explained.

A short demonstration of simple
testing on the Pilot demonstration
receiver concluded the lecture which
was very well received.—Singapore
Free Press.

RADIO DRAMA.

SUCCESS AND FAILURE
DISCUSSED.

In a broadcast talk on radio
drama Mr. Val Gielgud, the B.B.C.
Productions Director, said that the
difference between the work of
dramatic broadcasting and that of
the stage or screen lay in a funda-
mental physical fact: the difference
between the eye and the ear. Few
people had learnt to use their ears
to the same extent as their eyes and
as the whole tradition of dramatic
work had depended in prebroad-
casting had laboured and was still
labouring under severe handicap.

It was not true that the broad-
cast play was meant to be a sub-
stitute for the theatre. Listening
to a broadcast play was in reality a
different way of spending one's
time. The first time that anyone
listened to a radio play, he would
probably be bewildered, or disap-
pointed, or bored; not necessarily
because the play was dreary and
stupid, but because the medium in
which it was presented was quite
unfamiliar. The listener's first
reaction was to miss what he could
not see and to resent the loss of it.
For this reason many people found
a dark room the best environment
in which to listen to broadcast
drama. But this turning-out-of-
lights was only a trick; for once

familiarity with the medium was
achieved, it was as easy to listen to
a play in a lighted room as in the
dark.

If the listener thought that he
could follow the meaning and inten-
tion of a broadcast play in the
intervals of other people's conversa-
tion; while doing his accounts; or
while eating his supper he would be
disillusioned. He would hear
snippets and the result would be
meaningless. By sending a play into
the home by wireless, the
B.B.C. was saving the listener a
good deal of trouble. He was saved
transport difficulties and money,
but the Corporation was not broad-
casting plays to save people trouble.
In order to enjoy a radio play
listeners must take the trouble to
concentrate on an unfamiliar
medium and to listen to the play for
its own sake and for the sake of
what they could get out of it.

The development of the radio play
in the long run depended upon three
things: intelligent listening, in-
formed criticism and good writing
for the microphone.

It was one of his principal duties
to read plays that were submitted
for possible broadcast. He got on

an average between twenty and
thirty plays a week. Of this num-
ber perhaps two per cent. could be
seriously considered for a second
reading. A play written with a
real eye to the medium of the
microphone was so rare that its ap-
pearance was hailed at Savoy Hill
almost with shouts of joy. Within
the last two years only two comic
plays had been specially written
for broadcasting. And yet the
wireless dramatist had the biggest
audience in the world, an audience
probably not achieved even by a six-
months' run of a play in the West-
end of London. A prevailing criti-
cism of the dramatic work done
at Savoy Hill was that they were
inclined towards the tragic and
even the morbid. But most listeners
would agree that the ordinary
stage comedy or farce depended so
much upon the visual that its trans-
ference to the medium of wireless
was either impossible or unsatis-
factory. He would like to be able
to persuade some ambitious author
to consider the microphone serious-
ly as a medium for original drama-
tic work with a special eye to its
comic possibilities.

A good deal had been heard in re-
cent years about the technique of
the radio play, with its parapher-
nalia of control panels, multiple
studios, its jargon of "fading-in"
and "fading-out," "flashing and

superimposed effects. It was all a
sort of mumbo-jumbo with which
the artistic mind, especially one
which had no inside knowledge of
Savoy Hill, could not cope. But
any dramatist who was affected by
it was worrying himself needlessly.
It was possible to write a good play
for the microphone with no more
technical knowledge than could be
acquired by steady listening for a
period of a few months. Even
over the microphone, the play's the
thing; and not all the studios nor
all the effects ever invented, if
technically combined for a produc-
tion, could make a bad play good.
If a play possessed a valuable con-
tent, although technically imperfect,
the deficiencies of technique could
be supplied; but the content had to
be found from outside.

S. A. LISTENERS' TROUBLES.

Listeners in South Africa who
have to rely on 6SW for British
programmes are having a bit of a
bother just now with interference.
Some people think that this inter-
ference is deliberate. The jamming
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has been puzzling listeners in
Capetown since the night following
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still continues. It is suggested
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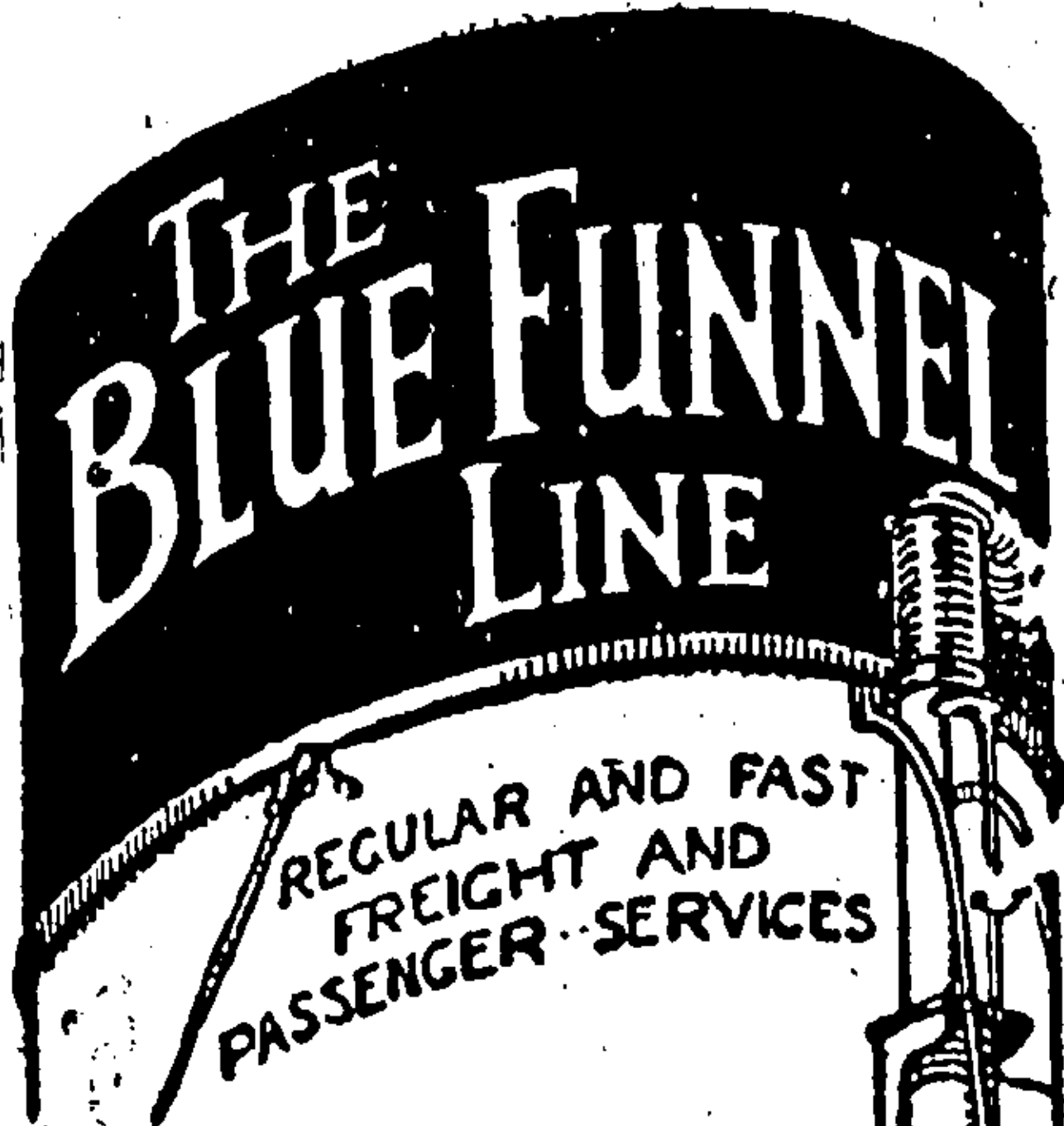
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ACT FOR SETTLING WORLD DISPUTES.

Adherence of British
Empire Moved.

TORY OPPOSITION.

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Arthur Henderson moved the adherence of the British Empire, except those parts which are separate members of the League of Nations, to "the general act for the pacific settlement of international disputes," elaborated by the League of Nations Assembly, which provides that disputes which cannot be settled by the ordinary legal methods shall be submitted to a special tribunal of five members, one chosen by each disputant and three by agreement from among the nationals of a third Power. If agreement is not then reached the dispute goes to an arbitral tribunal of five members similarly chosen. The latter's decision shall be binding. Mr. Henderson declared that the British Empire's adherence was a logical consequence of the Kellogg Pact and the optional clause of the document creating the International Court of Justice. Britain recently adhered to the optional clause which provides that justifiable disputes shall be submitted to the Hague Court.

Tory Opposition.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, on behalf of Conservatives, moved an amendment declining to adhere to the general act on the ground that it diminishes the authority of the League Council and that its machinery will encourage disputes.

He said that the general act ignored the limitations which practical experience placed on compulsory arbitration. It would lack the elasticity and experience of the League Council. Sir Herbert Samuel (Liberal) supported Mr. Henderson.

Amendment Lost.
The Conservative amendment was defeated. The House agreed to accession to the general act.

The voting was as follows:-

For the measure ... 231

Against ... 139

Majority ... 92

— Reuter.

Dangers of Failure.
Rugby, Yesterday.
In the House of Commons to-night the Foreign Minister, Mr.



Mr. Austen Chamberlain.

Arthur Henderson, asked for approval of the ratification of the General Act for the Pacific settlement of international disputes by the United Kingdom Government, subject to the four conditions in the White Paper of February 23. He said that accession to the General Act by Great Britain would complete the country's acceptance of arbitration for international disputes of every class, subject to certain reservations.

The Government regarded the ratification of the General Act as an important part of the preparation which they could make for the success of the coming Disarmament Conference, which, they believed by its results, would determine the future course of events in Europe and the World. Success would assure the future of constructive international co-operation. Failure would have extremely grave consequences. Therefore they put preparations

for it in the fore-front of their foreign policy. Also, in the view of the Government, acceptance of the General Act was a logical sequence of the Pact of Paris and a logical complement of the optional clause.

Powerful Lead.

Though not the first to take this important step, Britain would be giving a powerful lead to the nations, as in the case of the optional clause. Before Britain signed the optional clause only 17 Governments were bound by it, and to-day 34 were so bound. The United Kingdom would not stand alone, for the Imperial Conference had approved the principle of the General Act after careful consideration.

Referring to the amendment moved later by Sir Austen Chamberlain, Mr. Henderson said that he recognised fully the value of the action of the League Council and regarded the Council's action in the Mosul dispute and the Greco Bulgarian dispute as classic instances of the strength of the machinery which the League Covenant provided, but he could not agree that acceptance of the General Act would diminish the authority of the Council.

The Naval Treaty.

On arising, Sir Austen Chamberlain congratulated the Foreign Secretary and paid a tribute to Signors Mussolini and Grandi and M. Briand on the success of the recent Naval Conversations.

Turning to the General Act Sir Austen observed that the United States, the author of the Pact of Paris, did not share the view that it needed other measures to give it force. He maintained that the effect of the General Act would be to withdraw from the League Council questions with which it was specially competent to deal, and to encourage frivolous claims and create trouble.

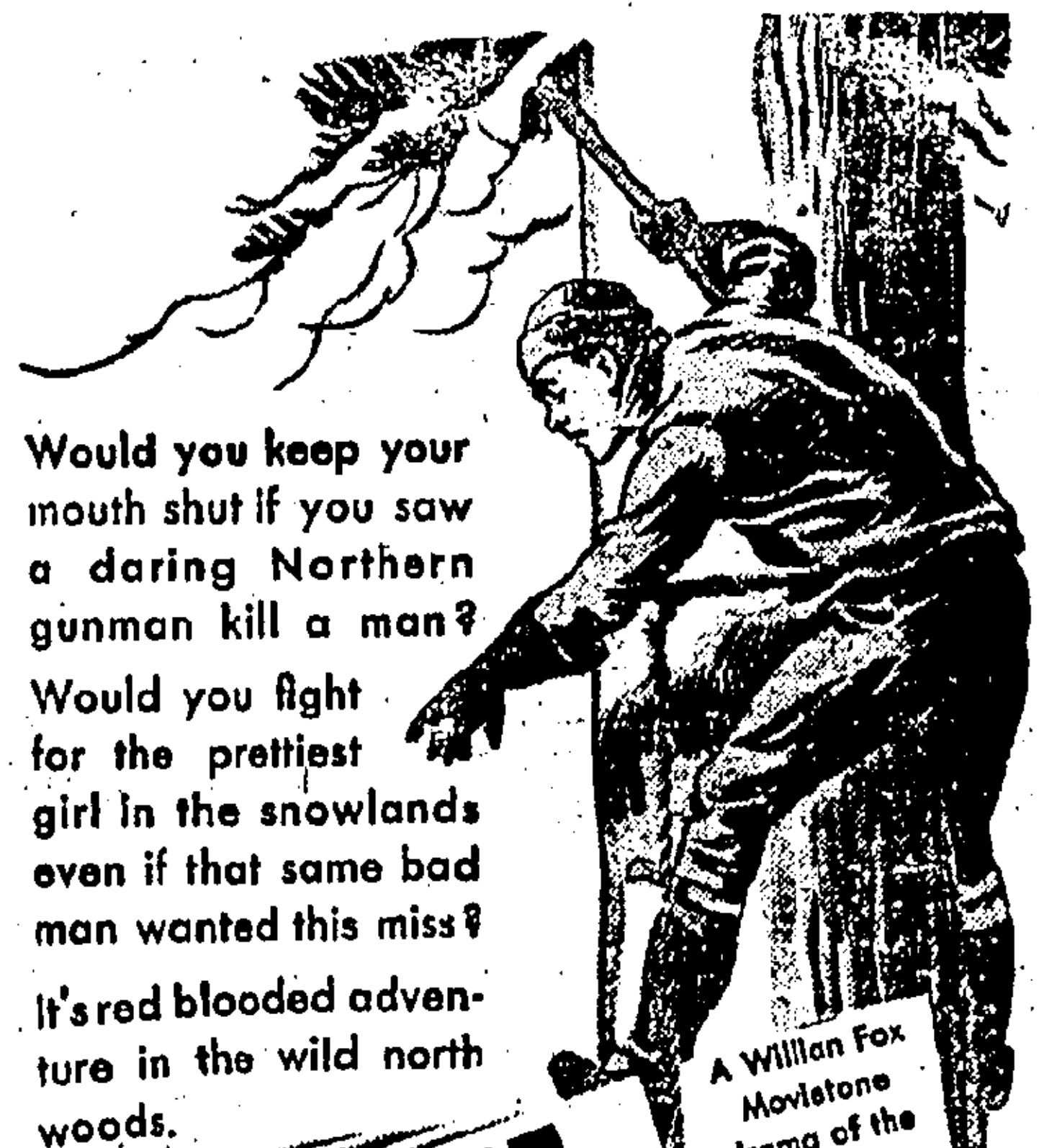
Sir Herbert Samuel opposed the amendment and claimed that acceptance of the General Act would enable the world to face its problems with new hope. The debate continues.—British Wireless Service.

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